

MEALS WITH

JESUS



...OUT OF THESE STONES

"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

—Genesis 18:14







THEOPHANY



UNDERSTANDING THEOPHANY

1. Theophany is a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ.
2. The English “LORD” (ALL CAPS) of Genesis 18 is a translation of the Hebrew “YAHWEH”.
3. YAHWEH means “to be” or “I AM” and is the name of God.



UNDERSTANDING THEOPHANY

Exodus 3:13–15

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you (ESV)’



UNDERSTANDING THEOPHANY

4. Jesus identified Himself as “I AM”.

John 8:56–58

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (ESV)



THEME

(KEY CONCEPTS)

1. God is a gracious God.
2. God does the impossible for the undeserving.



KEY VERSE

Genesis 18:14

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GOD'S GRACE MAKES SALVATION POSSIBLE (GENESIS 18:1-8)

1. Jesus meets us where we are.
2. Jesus meets us as we are.

*“And the Word became flesh and
dwelt (pitched his tent) among us.”*

- John 1:14



CHRISTIANS, LIKE ABRAHAM...

- a. Recognize their LORD
- b. Meet with their LORD
- c. Worship their LORD
- d. Fellowship with their LORD
- e. Serve their LORD



GOD'S GRACE MAKES SANCTIFICATION POSSIBLE (GENESIS 18:9-15)

1. Sanctification means to be made holy.
2. Sanctification is a process that involves good works.

*"...**work** out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works** in you, both to will and to **work** for his good pleasure." – Philippians 2:12-13*



CHRISTIANS, LIKE SARAH...

- a. Foreordained to good works
- b. Hear God's call to serve
- c. Question God's plan
- d. Are questioned by God
- e. Called to trust the process



AFRAID?

