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greek

εἰμί is the first person singular verb for "to be" (εἶναι [the infinitive form] = "to be").

It an irregular verb, and, like English, changes significantly between person and tense. For example εἰμί is the word for am and ἦν is the word for was, e.g. εἰ οὖν ἐμὲ ζητεῖτε, ἄφετε τούτουςplugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigoὖτος / αὕτη /τοῦτο

Greek greek

Meaning:

* These or this * This one, this person, this thing * They or he or she or it

Demonstrative pronoun.

οὖτος usually refers to something close to the speaker — "this" as opposed to ἐκεῖνος (John 9:161 John 5:111 Corinthians 15:501 John 4:9John 5:1Matthew 3:17John 7:26Luke 22:19 ὑπάγειν.

ESV Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."

NIV | "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."

NLT "I told you that I Am he," Jesus said. "And since I am the one you want, let these others go."

KJV Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

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