



John 8:48-59

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## ***JESUS CLAIMS TO BE GOD***

### **Introduction:**

#### **I. THEY PRONOUNCE A RACIAL SLUR (8:48-51)**

A. Their Accusation: you are a demon-possessed Samaritan

“the Jews answered and said to Him”

“Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

B. His Answer: I am triumphant over the tomb.

“I do not have a demon...”

“...but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.”

“But I do not seek My glory”

“there is One who seeks and judges”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”

#### **II. THEY POSE A THEOLOGICAL SLANDER (8:52-56)**

A. Their Accusation: you think you're greater than Abraham

“Now we know that You have a demon.”

“Abraham died, and the prophets also”

“You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’ ”

“Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too.”

“whom do You make Yourself out to be?”

B. His Answer: I am transparent in all truth.

“If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me...”

“...of whom you say, ‘He is our God’ and you have not come to know Him...”

“...but I know Him and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you...”

“...but I do know Him and keep His word.”

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

### III. THEY PITCH A CHRONOLOGICAL SLIP (8:57-58)

A. Their Accusation: who do you think you are?

“You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

B. His Answer: I am transcendent over all time.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

### The Aftermath (8:59)

“therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him”

“but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple”

### Applications:

### Food for Thought:

- 1) Why did the Jews call Jesus a “Samaritan”?
- 2) In what sense did Abraham rejoice to see Jesus’ day?
- 3) Why does it matter that Jesus claimed to be God? Why would so many deny that He even said this?
- 4) Why did Jesus say, “Before Abraham was, *I am*” rather than “I was”?