

SERMON OUTLINE John 8:48-59

Before Abraham Was, I AM! - Part 1

INTRODUCTION

THE ONE TRUTH TO RULE THEM ALL – JESUS IS GOD

Jesus is God - John's Introduction

Jesus Is God – The Abrahamic Covenant

Jesus Is God – John 8:58

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In this section of John's Gospel there is one main claim made by Jesus, three claims that flow from it, and a single response from the Jews. The main point is that Jesus is God. The three claims that flow out of that are that (1) there is no immorality in Jesus, (2) the Father and Son conspire for one another's glory, and (3) eternal life comes from keeping Jesus' word. And the single response from the Jews was rejection. Our main takeaway for this week is awe, wonder, marvel, worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which aspect of Jesus' nature do you find most awe-inspiring or worship producing?
3. Which passage(s) in the Bible most clearly state the fact that Jesus is God?
4. Have you given much thought to the question of why it matters that Jesus is God? What difference does it make?
5. Why do you think John felt the need to begin his Gospel by stating that Jesus is eternally God? What stands out to you about the way John describes Jesus in his introduction?
6. How familiar are you with the story of God's people from Abraham to Moses? Can you see better why it's important to know that story to really understand and appreciate John 8:58? Name a way hearing the story helped you in John.
7. Of all the possible names that God could choose for His most holy name, why do you think He chose Yahweh?
8. What do you think of the three possibilities Pastor Dave mentioned in his sermon concerning Jesus' claim to be God (liar, lunatic, or God)? Can you think of any other possibilities? Which do you believe? Why do you believe that?
9. Name one way you live differently because you believe Jesus is God.
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
12. Find as many passages that speak to Jesus' deity as you can. Ask God to help you believe them with all your heart.
13. Read something to better help you understand the Trinity this week.
14. Find some specific way to worship Jesus because He is God.
15. Commit to a Bible reading plan that will help you read the entire Bible and ask someone to join you.
16. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week that they might not die in their sin.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being triune. Praise Jesus for being God. Praise God for being truth.
20. Confess. Confess any doubts you have about Jesus' divinity. Confess any ways you live inconsistently with Jesus' deity.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God that Jesus was able to die for all the sins of all who would trust in Him. Thank God for this passage in John. Thank God for those who were baptized today in the firm belief that Jesus is God and therein a sufficient savior.
22. Supplication. Ask God to help three specific people believe that Jesus is God and savior of the world. Ask God to convict us of sin. Ask God to remind us of the gospel. Ask God to help us live in every way consistently with the fact that Jesus is God.