

# SERMON OUTLINE John 8:48-59

Before Abraham Was, I AM! - Part 2

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **THE ONE TRUTH TO RULE THEM ALL – JESUS IS GOD**

#### **THREE CLAIMS**

*There Is No Immorality in Jesus (48-49)*

*Father and Son, Glorifying One Another (50, 54)*

*Keeping Jesus' Word Is to Have Eternal Life (51)*

### **THE JEWS REJECTED JESUS AS GOD AND ALL OF HIS CLAIMS BECAUSE OF IT**

## **CONCLUSION**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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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 takeaways this week are looking to Jesus to see what it means to live a godly life, trusting Jesus to help us live it, and giving ourselves to seeking the glory of the godhead.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which of Jesus' claims stands out to you the most? Why? Can you name any ways you live differently because of it?
3. Can you think of anything a person might say to convince you that you should give them your car?
4. Put yourself in the place of the Jews Jesus was speaking to. Honestly, how do you think you would have responded?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Dave said, "The thing we cannot miss is that if Jesus is not God, none of the three lesser claims Jesus made could possibly be true." What do you think of that? Can you think of any other claims like that?
6. How is the fact that Jesus honors God good news for us? How is it rooted in Jesus' divinity?
7. How is the "conspiracy of glory" between Father and Son good news for us? How is it rooted in Jesus' divinity?
8. How is it good news for us that keeping Jesus' word means never seeing death? How is it rooted in Jesus' divinity?
9. Are there any ways that someone watching your life might conclude that it is based on the central belief that Jesus is God?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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11. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
12. Consider carefully the things Jesus said and did in John. Prayerfully make a list of ways that ought to shape your life.
13. Find three specific expressions of the glory of God in John. Spend some time praising God for them in prayer, song, journaling, art, evangelism, or some other incarnate way.
14. Make a list of commands Jesus gave in John. Prayerfully ask God to help you believe that they describe the path of fullness of life, to give you a longing to obey, and to help you obey them in specific ways this week.
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

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19. Adoration. Praise God for being perfect in every way. Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God for being life.
20. Confess. Confess any areas in your life in which you are failing to honor God, seeking your own glory, trusting in something other than God, and/or are indifferent to the goodness and salvation of your neighbors.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending Jesus. Thank God that Jesus' claims are true. Thank God for the eternal blessings He offers in Jesus. Thank God for graciously giving you faith in Jesus.
22. Supplication. Ask God to open the eyes of the blind and to clarify the vision of the saints. Ask God to help us honor Him!