

John 8:48-59

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge.⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”

⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.**” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

English Standard Version (ESV)

I AM The ‘I am’ John 8:58

- time flies

JESUS & ABRAHAM

- with Abraham (v56-57)
 - o Jesus the Messiah
 - o Abraham lives on ¹
 - o Jesus was with him ²
- before Abraham (v58)
 - o eternal God ³

JESUS & THE FATHER

- distinct from the Father (v49,54) ⁴
- one with the Father (v58) ⁵

JESUS & US

- those who reject him (v48,52,59) ⁶
- those who receive him (v51)



Reflection / discussion questions

‘Are there things from the talk you would like to chat about? What do you make of Jesus’ claim to be the ‘I am’?’

¹ Mark 12:26

² John 8:42,23; 6:51

³ Psalm 90:2; Genesis 21:33; 1 Timothy 6:16

⁴ John 1:14; 17:5

⁵ John 5:18; 10:30; 14:9; Exodus 3:14

⁶ John 10:38; 20:30-31