

## John's Gospel: John 8:48-59

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### Setting:

*Jesus had made statements about His identity.*

- *He claimed to be the Bread of Life*
- *He claimed to be the Light of the World*
- *He claimed to be source of Living Water*
- *He claimed heavenly origins*
- *Now He claims the title, "I AM"*

### 1. The "I AM" Was Rejected by Religious Leaders

vs. 48-53

- They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus because they could not answer His questions.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the remark about being a Samaritan.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the remark about having a demon.
- Jesus made clear that He was from the Heavenly Father & what He did & said was for the Father's honor.
- Jesus focused on pointing people to \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### 2. The "I AM" Existed Before Abraham – vs. 54-57

- Jesus repeats the fact that God is His FATHER.
- Abraham lived about 2,000 years before Christ.

#### **How could Abraham see Jesus' coming.**

- Abraham trusted God to keep His promises.
- Abraham saw the coming Messiah by FAITH in the promise of God.
- The Jewish leaders found this IMPOSSIBLE & confusing.
- Instead of believing this, they REJECTED their Messiah.

### 3. The "I AM" is the Name of God Himself.

- The name "I AM" speaks of...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ existence.
  - \_\_\_\_\_-existence
  - \_\_\_\_\_ nature
  - \_\_\_\_\_ authority
- This name also indicates that He is \_\_\_\_\_!
- This name also indicates that He is \_\_\_\_\_!
- This is who Jesus claimed to be. This is who He IS!
- They understood what He was saying & they rejected it. They rejected Him. They wanted Him dead.

### WHAT ABOUT US?

Do you rely on Jesus for everything?

- Jesus is ENOUGH!

Jesus is not just an add-on. Jesus is everything we need!

- Jesus is ENOUGH!

***What is one thing you thought was important to remember from this study?***

***What is one action step you can from what you learned?***