

I AM...

Your God!

Scripture: John 8:48-59

Christmas 2024 | Message #1

Big Question: Who is Jesus and what is His proof?

Big Idea:

Jesus "I AM YOUR GOD!"

To this we either surrender our hearts or heave our stones.

Introduction: *Jesus's Identity and Intentions*

Jesus reveals His identity and its proof

- V. # 48 The Jews call Jesus Names
 - Samaritan: Racial and religious slur
 - Demon Possessed: Jesus is not in His "right mind"
- V. #49-51 Jesus gives His intentions
 - To be obedient to His Father.
 - To give glory to His Father.
 - To give eternal life to His followers.
- V. #52-53 The Jews dismiss Jesus and His claims.
 - *He is less than Abraham and the prophets*
- V. #54-56 Jesus let's the truth speak for itself
 - Not seeking glory for Himself will ultimately give Him all glory
 - Seeking glory for themselves will ultimately get them nothing.
- V. #57 The Jews truth speaks for itself.
 - No obedience, no faith, no belief in God
- V. #58-59 Jesus clearly declares His identity and intentions
 - Identity: I AM not of God... I AM GOD.
 - Intentions: The proof will come Easter morning.

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Know when not to respond. (ignore absurdity)
- Know how to respond. (definitively)
- Know the difference between faith and sight.
 - Philip Yancey: *Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.*

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 8:58