

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

John 8:48-59

Introduction:

1. The Questions

A) There are three main questions in our text asked by “the Jews”

- > Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon? (John 8:48)
- > Who do you make yourself to be? (John 8:53)
- > You're not even 50 years old, and you have seen Abraham? (John 8:57)

B) These questions aren't really questions ... they are more like indictments

- > Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon possessed?
- > Do you really think that you are greater than Abraham and the prophets?
- > Abraham has been dead for 2,000 years ... and you have seen him?

2. The Answers

A) Jesus' response to Question #1

- > I don't have a demon (John 8:49a)
- > I honor My Father (John 8:49b)
But you dishonor me (John 8:49c)
- > I don't seek my own glory (John 8:50a)

There is One who seeks my glory (John 8:50b)

This One also judges (John 8:50c)

- > I have come to give life ... not death (John 8:51)

Note the Contrast: Their father is a murderer and they seek to kill Jesus

Note the Condition: Keeps my word (John 8:51b)

Note the promise (John 8:51c)

B) Jesus' response to Question #2

> The question isn't, "Who do I make Myself to be?" (John 8:54a)

I am not seeking my own honor (Phil. 2:5-9)

> The question you should ask is, "Who does God make me out to be?" (John 8:54b-55)

My Father, whom you claim to be your God, honors Me (John 8:54b)

Why don't you act like My Father?

Because you don't know Him (John 8:55a)

Because your father is the devil (John 8:44)

The truth is - I do know God the Father (John 8:55b)

To deny that would mean that I would have to act like you – a liar (John 8:55c)

That would require that I act like your father (John 8:44c)

The truth is - I know the Father AND keep His word (John 8:55d)

Jesus practices what He preaches (John 8:51)

> The question you should ask is, "Who does Abraham make me out to be?" (John 8:56)

Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day ... he saw it and was glad

C) Jesus' response to Question #3

> Before Abraham *was* ... I **AM**

3. The Responses

A) The Response of the Jews

> They abandon the law and in a furious response of rage they attempt to murder Jesus

B) The Response of Jesus

> Jesus "hid Himself" and went out of the temple

> Jesus is not ready to die ... yet (John 8:59b; John 10:17-18)

C) Your response to Jesus ... who do you think you are?

> A sinner? He offers to set you free from your sin – its penalty and its power

> A sinner under the curse of sin – death? He offers to you the hope of everlasting life

> He is God and calls you to believe the message of His Son this morning.