

He shall never taste death!

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was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet

fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.** 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but **Jesus hid himself,** and went out of the temple, **going through the midst of them, and so passed by.**

1. Dishonoring Jesus 8:48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a **Samaritan,** and **hast a devil?** 49 Jesus answered, **I have not a devil;** but **I honour my Father,** and **ye do dishonour me.** 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man **keep my saying, he shall never see death.**

a. They called Him a Samaritan

i. This was a racial slur

ii. The Samaritans were considered half breeds both physically and spiritually

iii. Their fore fathers had intermarried with pagans

- iv. They were calling Jesus a false teacher, a pagan, a compromiser, a traitor to His people
- b. They said He had a devil
 - i. They are now calling Him crazy
 - ii. They are saying Jesus is out of His mind
- c. By dishonoring Jesus they are dishonoring the Father 50
And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
 - i. Jesus was not seeking His own glory
 - ii. He was not promoting Himself
 - iii. Jesus only sought to honor the Father
- d. Jesus tells them that He is the answer to eternal life 51
Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
 - i. If we die we live
 - ii. We never really die **John 11:25-26** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, **though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me **shall never die.**

Believest thou this?

2. Who do you think you are? **52** Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man **keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.** **53** Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: **whom makest thou thyself?** **54** Jesus answered, **If I honour myself, my honour is nothing:** it is **my Father that honoureth me;** of whom ye say, that he is your God: **55** Yet **ye have not known him; but I know him:** and if I should say, I know him not, **I shall be a liar like unto you:** but I know him, and **keep his saying.** **56** Your father Abraham **rejoiced to see my day:** and he saw *it*, and was glad. **57** Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? **58** Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

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i. Abraham is dead

ii. The prophets are dead

iii. Do you think you are greater than all of them

iv. Who do you think you are?

b. I know God and you do not 54 Jesus answered, **If I**

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i. God is honoring Jesus

ii. Jesus really knows God

iii. If He denied knowing Jesus He would be as big a liar as them

iv. Jesus knows the Father and does what He says

c. I am more important than Abraham. 56 Your father Abraham **rejoiced to see my day:** and he saw *it*, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

- i. Abraham saw Jesus and what He was doing
- ii. Jesus was before Abraham

d. Jesus is claiming to be God

- i. He was before Abraham
- ii. He could see to it that they never died

3. Completely rejecting Jesus 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but **Jesus hid himself,** and went out of the temple, **going through the midst of them, and so passed by.**

- a. They completely reject Jesus
- b. They have denied Him and now they want to kill Him
- c. They thought that they were defending God but instead were trying to stone Him

4. How Jesus dealt with persecution **59** Then took they up stones to cast at him: but **Jesus hid himself**, and went out of the temple, **going through the midst of them, and so passed by.**
- a. Jesus hid himself instead of allowing them to stone Him
 - b. He slips out through the middle of them miraculously
 - c. He leaves to continue His ministry
 - d. Christians should not seek persecution
 - e. Christians should not deny their faith
 - f. But they are more than free to move on to preach another day
 - g. It is not faith to give up your life and witness when it is not time or the right way to do so