

# He is “I AM”

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1. What was Jesus describing in verse 28? Do you think that the Jews understood this?
2. What does it feel like to know that you have pleased the Father?
3. How does the “truth make [a person] free” (v. 30-36)?
4. Why did Jesus call these Jews “children of the devil”?
5. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 51?
6. What do you think caused the Pharisees to guess Jesus’ age as “less than 50”? Why were they angry when He responded that He “existed before Abraham”?
7. What is significant about Jesus saying “I AM” in verse 58?

<sup>27</sup>They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. <sup>29</sup>And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” <sup>30</sup>As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup>And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup>Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

<sup>37</sup>I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”

<sup>39</sup>They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup>But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. <sup>41</sup>You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup>Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup>He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

<sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup>And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

<sup>52</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

<sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup>Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

<sup>59</sup>Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

# Read: John 9:1-16

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**Monday**

1,2 — Why did Jesus' disciples assume that sin was involved in the man's blindness? How do you view physical problems in the lives of those around you?

**Tuesday**

3,5 — What is your view of trials? How are the works of God revealed through illness? What does Jesus mean when He says that He is the "light of the world"?

**Wednesday**

6,7 — What is the significance of Jesus spitting on the ground? Why did Jesus make the man wait to be healed rather than healing him right away? Was the need for action before being able to see a test in the man's life?

**Thursday**

8-11 — What did the man know about Jesus? How is the man's obedience a challenge to you?

**Friday**

12-15 — Why did the Pharisees question the man? What was significant about Jesus healing the man on the Sabbath?

**Saturday**

16 — Why did the Pharisees not believe Jesus was God? Why were the Pharisees divided? How are the works of God explained away by those in the world today?

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