

(48) The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death.”

(52) The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My Word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make Yourself out to be?”

(54) Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word.”

(56) “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

(59) So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Think on these things:

- 1) The Jews accused Jesus of being demon-possessed. What do the following scriptures indicate are the actions of demon-possessed people? What do Ephesians 6:10-13 and 1 Timothy 4:1-2 teach us about demonic activity today?

Matthew 8:28 – _____

Matthew 9:32-34 – _____

Matthew 12:22-25 – _____

Matthew 17:14-21 – _____

Mark 1:21-28 – _____

Luke 8:2 – _____

Acts 5:16 – _____

Acts 16:16-19 – _____

Acts 19:13-16 – _____

(Today) Ephesians 6:10-13 – _____

(Today) 1 Timothy 4:1-2 – _____

2) Jesus said He honored His Father, but that the Jews dishonored Him (Jesus). When He then tells people that if they keep His Word they shall not experience death, what do you think He means, since Christians have continually died like everyone else over the years? Read John 17:3 for an insight into “eternal life.”

3) In your opinion, who did Jesus make Himself out to be (v.53, i.e., ‘who do You think You are’)? Is He greater than Abraham?

4) Look up Exodus 3:1-5, 13-15. What is the significance of Jesus saying, “Before Abraham was, I AM?”

5) How do we know that the Jews knew exactly what Jesus meant by saying this (v.59)? In simple terms, what is Jesus saying to us in these verses?

Jews knew? _____

Simple meaning for us? _____

6) What important truth had the Jews forgotten (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)?

7) How did Jesus get out of this bind? He has been teaching the large crowds of Jews gathered for the Feast of Tabernacles at the temple for two days (John 7 & 8). On this second day, He began arguing with the Jewish leaders when they joined the crowd. He is right there in front of everyone, and yet, when they take action to kill Him, they can’t. What happened (v.59)?

People and situations I want to pray for this week: