

THE MOTIVATION FOR MINISTRY: TO GLORIFY GOD

(John 8:48-59)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

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A. Christ's Conversation with the Pharisees (8:12-47)

B. The Hostile Reaction of Jesus' Critics (8:48-59)

1. The conversation takes a turn for the worse, and the Jews who have been questioning Christ now resort to verbal abuse and defamation of His character...

a. by claiming that He was a _____ (v. 48a)

b. by accusing Jesus of having a _____ (v. 48b, cf., 7:20; 8:48, 52; 10:20)

2. Christ ignored the accusation of being a Samaritan, but He did _____ and _____ their charge of being demon-possessed; His claims were not those of a demon-possessed person, He was only seeking to _____ His Father. (vv. 49-50)

3. Once again Jesus introduced His statement with "*most assuredly I say to you.*" If a person was willing to _____ His word he/she would _____ experience _____ death. (v. 51)

4. Thinking only on a physical level, the Pharisees _____ what Christ said; if He had the _____ to prevent death, then He must have been claiming to be "*_____*" than Abraham and the prophets who were dead. (vv. 52-53, cf., Luke 24:24-27, 36-45)

5. Christ was NOT seeking self-promotion; there was no need. His Father was sure to _____ His Son, yet these Pharisees naively claimed that this same Father was “_____” _____. (v. 54)

6. Jesus spoke bluntly to these religious leaders and told them that they did not have a _____ with the God they claimed to “_____” (Gr. *oida-perf./act./indic.*). The Son not only knew Him, but He faithfully kept His Word. (v. 55)

* Is it possible that Abraham had some inkling of the Messiah? (Gen. 12:3; 22:7-8; Heb. 11:12-13)

7. Abraham had _____ the pre-incarnate Christ _____ years before these religious leaders had this conversation with Him. (vv. 56-57, Gen. 18:1-22)

8. In response to their question in v. 57, once again, Jesus identified Himself as the Great _____, the _____ - _____ One of Exodus 3:14 (vv. 12, 24, 58)

* Did these religious leaders understand what Jesus was actually declaring? What is the proof?