

ATTEMPTED MURDER  
(John 8:48-59)

- I. The DISDAIN (John 8:48-51)
  - A. They conclude Jesus is a DEMON-POSSESSED Samaritan (8:48)
  - B. Jesus explained He COULD NOT be demon-possessed, because He HONORS His Father (8:49a)
  - C. Their DISHONORING of Jesus is evidence against them (8:49b; cf. v. 42; 5:23)
  - D. Jesus desired only the FATHER'S GLORY (8:50)
  - E. Jesus promises those who keep His word will NEVER SEE DEATH
  
- II. The DISBELIEF (John 8:52-58)
  - A. The Jews continue to MOCK Jesus as DEMON controlled (8:52-53)
    - 1. Abraham and the prophets have all DIED
    - 2. Surely Jesus wouldn't claim to be GREATER than THEY
  - B. Jesus continues to affirm the TESTIMONY of the FATHER (8:54-55)
    - 1. Self-glorification would be UNCONVINCING
    - 2. His glory came from His FATHER, Whom they called "our GOD"
    - 3. Jesus KNOWS the Father, Whom they have NEVER KNOWN
    - 4. For Jesus to DENY God is His FATHER would be a LIE equivalent to their claim to be GOD'S CHILDREN

- 5. Jesus KEEPS the Father's WORD
- C. Jesus proclaims His SUPERIORITY to ABRAHAM (8:56-58)
  - 1. Abraham "SAW" Jesus' coming and REJOICED
  - 2. They MOCK Jesus as too YOUNG
  - 3. "BEFORE Abraham was born, I AM"
- III. The DEFIANCE (John 8:59a)
  - A. They knew Jesus had called Himself the OT name YAHWEH/JEHOVAH
  - B. They proceeded to STONE Him on the SPOT
- IV. The DISAPPEARANCE (John 8:59b)
  - A. It was not yet TIME for Jesus' DEATH
  - B. Jesus HID Himself and left the temple UNHARMED