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The Great I AM...Jn.8:48-59

What is the first violent reaction to being told they're children of the devil? **8:48a, 8:41**

But what's the most severe charge? **8:48b** Jesus' response? **8:49-50; 7:20; Mk.3:22; Mt.10:25**

What does Jesus say next that triggers another heated reaction? **8:51** see **Rev.21:8**

What is their sarcastic conclusion? **8:52-53, 5:18, 8:58, 7:20, 10:20**

What is Jesus' clear, calm reply? **8:54, 5:31, 7:18; II Cor.10:18; Heb.5:4-6; IPet.1:20-21**

What does Jesus state about Himself? **8:55a** and about them? **8:55b; IJn.2:22-24, 5:10-11**

What does Jesus say next that further inflames them? **8:56; Heb.11:8-13; IPet.1:10-12**

Again, hearing only the *physical*, not *spiritual*, what's their response? **8:57; Ex.3:13-15**

And now, the *ultimate truth*... and *ultimate rejection*. **8:58, 1:1-2, 5:10-18; Ex.3:10-15**

Did the Jews misunderstand His words? **8:59, Lev.24:16; Jn.10:30-33, 19:1-7**

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They challenge Jesus' heritage. Samaritan's were 'half-breeds'. Probable Mary also...

But what's the most severe charge? **8:48b** Jesus' response? **8:49-50; 7:20; Mk.3:22; Mt.10:25**

You are demon possessed. (He's filled w/Holy Spirit.) I honor my Father, you dishonor me.

What does Jesus say next that triggers another heated reaction? **8:51** see **Rev.21:8**

If anyone keeps my Word, he will never see death! Again, misunderstood to be physical!

What is their sarcastic conclusion? **8:52-53, 5:18, 8:58, 7:20, 10:20**

Are you claiming to be greater than Abraham / prophets? Who do you think you are?!!

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If I glorify myself, it is nothing. My Father glorifies Me! The one you say is your God!

What does Jesus state about Himself? **8:55a** and about them? **8:55b; IJn.2:22-24, 5:10-11**

You have not known the Father. I do! If I denied this I'd be a liar like you!! I know Him

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Your father, Abraham, rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad!

Again, hearing only the *physical*, not *spiritual*, what's their response? **8:57; Ex.3:13-15**

You are not even 50 years old! And you claim to have seen Abraham (dead for centuries)!

And now, the *ultimate truth*... and *ultimate rejection*. **8:58, 1:1-2, 5:10-18; Ex.3:10-15**

Jesus says point blank, 'before Abraham was, I AM'. He clearly states that He is God...

Did the Jews misunderstand His words? **8:59, Lev.24:16; Jn.10:30-33, 19:1-7**

Absolutely not! They picked up stones to stone Him! Blasphemy! Jesus claims to be God!!