



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 8:48-59 (NAS)

“Jesus’ Example in Dealing with Opposition”

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- 48 The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
- 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.
- 50 "But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.
- 51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."
- 52 The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste of death.'
- 53 "Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom 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';
- 55 And you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him, and keep His word.
- 56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."
- 57 The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"
- 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."
- 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

### I. ACCUSATION NUMBER ONE

- A. Called Jesus A Samaritan (Ethnic Attack)
- B. Said He Was Demon Possessed (Crazy)
- C. Jesus’ Response
1. That is not true
  2. I do not seek my own glory
- D. Christians Likewise Will Be Maligned *John 15:1-19; 1 John 3:13*
1. We need to remain humble under opposition *James 4:10*
  2. Remember our future hope in the midst of suffering *Romans 8:18*
  3. Will not see death *1 Corinthians 15:55-57; Psalm 23:4; John 11:25-26*

### II. ACCUSATION NUMBER TWO

- A. Who Do You Think You Are?
- B. Speaking To The Son Of God—But Didn’t Have A Clue
- C. Jesus’ Response
1. He simply stated the truth
  2. He calls us to do the same *1 Corinthians 1:17; Hebrews 4:12*
  3. We are to speak the Word of God to others *II Corinthians 4:1-2, 4*

### III. ANSWERING THE PHARISEES QUESTION vs. 57

- A. In The Promises Of God *Genesis 12:3*
- B. In Types Which Pointed To Christ *Genesis 14:17-24*
- C. In His Pre-Incarnate Appearance *Genesis 18*

### IV. FINAL OPPOSITION

- A. Jesus Declared His Eternal Existence
- B. Jesus Again Took To Himself The Name Of God (I AM)
- C. They Sought To Stone Him
- D. He Left Their Presence