

JOHN 8; September 18; Jesus Claims He Is the “I AM”

ANALYSIS:

1. What did Jesus say that caused the men, who accused the woman of adultery, to leave? _____
2. For what reason were some told, “Ye shall die in your sins?” _____
3. What did Jesus say was the mark of a disciple indeed?

4. What evidence by the Jews confirmed Jesus' words, “Ye are of your father the devil?” _____
5. Why did the Jews take up stones to cast at Jesus in verse 59?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This chapter is full of proofs that Jesus is God. Note the many statements where Jesus identifies Himself as God, the Jehovah of the Old Testament. “I am the light of the world (12), I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me (16), The Father that sent me beareth witness of me (18), I am from above (23), for if ye believe not that I am (24), When ye have lifted up the Son of man, than shall ye know that I am (28), he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone (29), If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (36), I speak that which I have seen with my Father (38), Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God (40), I proceeded forth and came from God (42), neither came I of myself, but He sent me (42), I honor my Father (49), it is my Father that honoureth me (54), I know Him (the Father) (55), Abraham rejoiced to see my day (56), Before Abraham was, I am” (58).

Verses 24, 28 & 58 establish Jesus as the “I AM” of Ex 3:14, the LORD God who appeared to Moses. Jehovah Witnesses hate these verses, and emphasize the word he in “I am he” (vs 24, 28), saying Jesus is merely claiming to exist. They corrupt verse 58 by changing the translation to “I have been,” to avoid Jesus' obvious claim to be the “I AM” of Ex 3:14. Press JWs for the reasons the Jews tried to kill Jesus for His claim in verse 58, and why a person will die in their sins according to verse 24.

HELP:

1. He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her (v 7).
2. They did not believe that Jesus was the “I AM” (vs 24, 28).
3. The person who continues in His word (v 31).
4. These Jews tried to kill Jesus, after the pattern of the devil (vs 37, 39-40, 44). Jesus' word had no place in them (vs 37, 47).
5. Because the Jews recognized Jesus was claiming to be the LORD God and they refused to believe that (vs 58-59).