



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Loving God, Loving People

“The Great I AM” John 8:48-59

A Question of Blasphemy (48-51)

A Question of Authority (52-55)

A Question of Divinity (56-59)

Exodus 3:13-15 - 13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Isa 41:4 Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Heb. 1:3, 8 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. ...8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever..."

Phil. 2:6-8 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Food For Thought:

In one of the most stunning and shocking revelations ever given by Jesus, He declares that his deity or divinity enables him to be pre-existent, the king of judgment and the conqueror of death.

1. Of the claims Jesus makes in this chapter (vv. 12, 31, 51, 58) which means the most to you?

2. What is the critical question raised by the Lord's claim in v. 51?

3. Why does Jesus' final claim cause such an outrage (Exo. 3:14) ?

Bible Text
John 8:48-59
(ESV)

Before Abraham Was, I Am

48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying 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 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death. 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who 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 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews 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, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Charles Spurgeon said, *"If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."* We are thankful to God for you, our church family and community of faith.

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Our Mission: Christ Community Church exists to worship God, fellowship in community and build the body of Christ by making disciples, baptizing them and teaching them until the Lord Jesus Christ returns (Acts 2:42-47, Mt. 28:18-20, Eph. 4:11-16).

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)