

**John 8:48-59**  
**Jesus States He is Eternal**

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[48] The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

[49] *"I am not possessed by a demon,"* said Jesus, *"but I honor my Father and you dishonor me."*

[50] *I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.*

[51] *I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."*

[52] At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death.

[53] Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?

[54] Jesus replied, *"If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me."*

[55] *Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word.*

[56] *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."*

[57] "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

[58] *"I tell you the truth,"* Jesus answered, *"before Abraham was born, I am!"*

[59] At this they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.