"Wrong About God”Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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## John 8:47-59

**47**Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

**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.

**1.    Jesus’ words are central (v.51)**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**2.    Jesus is the focus of the Bible (v. 53 & 56)**

**Galatians 3:16**
**6**Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

**3.    Jesus is God (v. 57-59)**

**Exodus 3:13-14**
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.’”

**Read ahead as we continue our study through the Gospel of John 9:1-44 next week**