

Big idea: Defending the gospel is worth it no matter the cost because what Jesus claimed is impossible to ignore.

I. Let's review John 1-8

A. The key verse – JOHN 20:30-31

B. The desired result is that we might BELIEVE

C. The selection of events is to prove a truth – Jesus is GOD

D. There are 7 SIGNS; 7 I AM'S with a PREDICATE and 7 WITHOUT

E. The Temple discourse started back in 7:10 and is highly ANTAGONISTIC and filled with personal ATTACKS

II. Here we go yet again...

A. The FIRST accusation and REPLY vs. 48-51

1. A two-part accusation v. 48

- You're a SAMARITAN

- You're DEMONIZED

2. A two-part reply vs. 49-51 (I am the giver of ETERNAL LIFE)

- You couldn't be more WRONG

- I can't make a promise GREATER than this

B. The SECOND accusation and reply vs. 52-56

1. The accusation vs. 52-53

- Jesus you're CRAZY
- Who do you THINK you are?

2. The reply vs. 54-56 (I am GLORIFIED by the Father)

- Check out my REFERENCES
- You're not like ABRAHAM

C. The THIRD accusation and reply vs. 57-58

1. The accusation v. 57 – they're hung up on BIRTHDAYS
2. The reply v. 58 (I am GOD) – Jesus is into THEOLOGY

D. The FINALE v. 59 – there's no mistake – they GET IT!

III. What we take away...

The most loving thing we can do for anyone is to tell them the truth about Jesus, sin and the judgment to come