

## **Digging Deeper: John 8:48-59**

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**Day 1:** Read John 8:48–59, and pray that God will give you the understanding you will need for these verses. In this passage, Jesus told the people in verse 47 that the reason they are not hearing the words of God is because they do not belong to God. You need to have a relationship with God to understand His words. They also told him He was sinful and evil. Do you have a relationship with Him? One of the ways to be in relationship is to read His word daily. Why not start today?

**Day 2:** In verses 51–53, Jesus tells the people that if you obey his teachings, they would never die. WHAT?! NEVER DIE? Now the people truly thought he was possessed by demons, even Abraham and the prophets died. They asked, “Are you greater than Abraham?” Who do you think you are? Who do you think He is? Why won’t he tell them who He is?

**Day 3:** In verse 54, Jesus did not want to glorify himself because He knew his Father would glorify him. Jesus said, “There is no glory if you must promote yourself.” Jesus did not advertise His glory, He just lived the life and taught in such a way that people knew he was God. He lived in a way that the Father glorifies him. Do you need proof of who he is? Do you have the faith He is who he says He is?

**Day 4:** Read John 8:55–56. In verse 55, Jesus says that you claim that he is your God, but you do not even know him. They claimed a relationship that they did not have, Jesus does know the Father and keeps his word. How are you doing in that area? Do you keep his word? Then he tells them that their father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming.

**Day 5:** Read verse 57. The people could not believe that because He was who He said He was because He was not even 50 years old. But Jesus said to them before Abraham was, I AM. Jesus could have declared his preexistence by saying I AM HE like we saw in John 28, but it was not time. In verse 59, they picked up stones to kill Jesus, but He was hidden from them because Jesus will give His own life on His terms at His time. Jesus is in full control over the power of death.

**Day 6:** What a precious hope we have. We must live our lives in the knowledge of this hope. We will NOT taste death if we will draw ourselves close to Jesus by living in His Word and keeping His commandments. Verse 51 tells the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die.

I PRAY WE ARE ALL HIS.