



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 10:31-42
From Sermon 5.19.24

Read *John 10:31-42*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: With His "I and the Father are one" proclamation, the Jews again picked up stones to kill Jesus. (no surprise) They had just demanded that Jesus reveal His true identity, but it was not for some final, convincing information—it was to use against Him in judgment. Seeing right through their schemes and hypocrisy, Jesus turns the Scripture right around on them. He will give them no more words and no more miracles until that last Passover weekend.

1. Historic and contemporary critics who say Jesus never claimed to be God. What have we seen, so far, that proves the opposite? The various, obvious "I AM" statements. The entire Gospel of John. The response of those who heard Him. The actions and responses of Satan and the demons.

2. To you, what would appear to be the most convincing evidence Jesus has provided to support His "I AM" claims? Various Personal Answers

3. What did Israel's religious take issue with—Jesus' Words or Jesus' Works? Everything about Him. The Spiritual light He emanated. Fulfilling the Sabbath, a friend of sinners, claiming to be the I AM & co-equal with Father. Exposing them. Judging their traditions.

4. Jesus' use of a profound Scripture (Psalm 82). Explaining "gods" vs "Gods".

5. The leaders continue to accuse Jesus of breaking Scripture/Law. Review Jesus' View of Scripture:

John 17:17—Truth

Matthew 22:29-32—Inerrant

Today's verse 35 ("...the Scripture cannot be broken")—Immutable

Luke 16:29-31—Sufficient

Luke 24:27 & 24:44—Verbal/Plenary

5a. The Pharisees claimed to hold a strict, literal adherence to the Law (*John 9:28*). But how did Jesus say they handled the Law? Full of Hypocrisy. Pick and choose. Expedience and convenience.

See *Matthew 23:23 & John 7:47-51*

5b. What are some ways people still *pick and choose* Scriptures to follow and those to ignore? Love, peace, benevolence, forgive passages. Ignore wrath, sin, judgment, structure. Out of context.

6. Back to who's in charge. Who holds the power in this drama—the leaders or Jesus? Jesus. All things play out according to God's perfect timetable and exact plan. Reference the 22nd Psalm. Jesus would not die before the Passover, not die by stoning, and not even die at hands of Jews*.