Intro: As we open our Bibles to our text this morning, we come to the last verses of chapter 8 which record the close of the confrontation between the religious of Jerusalem.

A. With the tension of the Jewish leaders escalating, we come to our text this Lord’s Day where we pick up in the middle of the confrontation, and where we once again testified of Himself that indeed, He is Divine; the Son of God; the Christ come to take away the sins of the world, offering life everlasting to all who would His Word.

I. In an effort to discredit Jesus, the religious of Jerusalem made a claim saying that Jesus was a Samaritan and demon possessed.

A. did not retaliate, but flatly the, that He did not have a demon.

1. The that proved that Jesus did not have a demon was that He the Heavenly, which is something a demon would not do.

B. Jesus explained that He did not say what He said in self-defense or for self-glory, but to the glory of the who seeks and is jealous for His own, warning them that His Father is the One who.

II. To glorify the Heavenly Father, Jesus told those who opposed Him that if anyone His they will see.

A. This is the gospel! This is the ! For though “there is One who judges” there is a way to escape the judgement and that through faith in Christ, by believing His Word! If any, that is, by faith believes what He said, obeying His word, they shall see!

B. Instead of receiving His word with joy the leaders the Lord’s word disputing the of them and by assigning ill-motive to His motivation.

1. In denying the truth of the Lord’s word they reasoned that since Abraham and the prophets whose Word was Holy Writ, all died physical deaths. then could Jesus say “If anyone keeps My word, he shall taste of .”

2. In their they thought, “How dare You exalt Your words and Yourself above Abraham and the Prophets. Indeed, You are a demon possessed ego-maniac!”

C. Jesus patiently explained that it was not rational for Him to seek His own glory. Contrary to their claim that He sought His own glory by exalting His Words, He said, “it is My who Me.” Being the Son of God, Jesus had no reason to seek His own glory.
III. In ministering to their true need, Jesus identified the reason for which the religious 
___________ did not honor Him. It was because they did not honor His Father for they 
had “_________ come to ___________ Him.”

A. ___________ told His opposition that He actively knew the Father (as no other). 
Therefore, He was the One who was uniquely qualified to ___________ _______ 
___________ to them!

B. ___________ declared that He knows the Father and _________ His _________ 
perfectly, being faithful to the Father in everything.

C. Jesus declared that their physical father _______________ rejoiced to _______ _______ 
_______, and that he saw it and was glad!

1. Jesus was saying, “You ask who I am? I will tell you. I am the Christ whom 
your father ______________, with great anticipation, longed to see; whom 
_________ he _______ and was glad. I am the Messiah! The Sacrificial 
___________ whom the Lord Himself promised to provide.”

D. They ___________ His testimony by reasoning that _________, even on the far 
outside wasn’t yet fifty years old, and Abraham had lived some 2,000 years earlier. How 
could Jesus say that He had seen Abraham?

IV. With the double emphasis “truly, truly” ___________ told them directly that before 
Abraham was born He was the One who was, and is, and is to come - the “__ __.”

A. Jesus said not “I was,” but “I am!” This is a clear and undeniable claim to be ______. 
___________ ever-present, the Great I Am!

B. Upon our Lord declaring Himself as the “I am”, the _____________ leaders picked 
up stones to throw at Him, to ______ as a blasphemer.

1. Though the day would come when Jesus would lay down His life, this was not 
yet the time. So, “Jesus hid Himself and ___________ ______ of the temple” 
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Closing Words: And so closes this chapter and our Lord’s conversation with those who hated 
Him. The Light left to shine upon them no more. Yet, even in this sad thought we find reason 
to rejoice for we remember that there were those who believed upon His word! Verse 30 says, 
“As He spoke these things, many came to _______________ __ __ ______.”

And so it is for us as it was for that crowd on that day. Either we will believe upon Him fully 
receiving His Word, or we will illogically reject the truth of Christ. And though He shines upon 
us now, the day approaches when all non-believers will finally fall into eternal darkness, 
forever and ever separated from Christ, the Eternal Light. Dear one, ___________ ___________ 
_____________ the Words of Christ as you have heard them today? Or will you reject Him? 
Enter in while heavens gate stand open for as the Scripture teaches, the day rapidly 
approaches when heavens gate will be closed. Today is the day of salvation: ___________ 
___________ who you will serve.

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