

Session 14

The passage of Scripture in question is John 8:48-59. Here we find another encounter with Jesus and a group of Jews. The Jews with which he spoke would have been well versed in Scripture (what we know as the Old Testament). In v.48 they accuse Jesus of having a demon. Jesus flips the script on them by claiming his deity. John 8:58 says, "Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Exodus 3:14 says, "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel. I AM has sent me to you."

What we have here is a crisis of belief about the Trinity. The question from our Think Like a Detective study is "Did Jesus think he was God?" To even begin to answer that question pushes us directly into what we do or do not believe about the Trinity. The Trinity being God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Here are a few verses to help us understand that God does in fact exist in three persons but also those three experience oneness.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11

"For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God."

HEBREWS 9:14

"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Here we see that the Spirit is the only one who may know the thoughts of God and through the blood of Christ through the Spirit we are cleansed.

The trinitarian statement of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit may not be something that we think of each day, but perhaps it should. What we think about who God is and what we think about the Trinity will inform and dictate what we think about everything else. I would welcome questions about the Trinity! It is a conversation worth having. It is something that separates our religion from others and will also keep us in line with being scripturally accurate in our conversations. Let's start a conversation today!