

**WEEK 3 | BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS  
JOHN 8:31-59**



*This is week 3 in the “I Am” series, where we are looking at a series of statements that Jesus makes about himself.*

Read John 8:31-59

- 1.) What stands out to you as significant, challenging, or confusing about this passage?
- 2.) What does verse 32 imply about all of us? How do the people react to this statement in verse 33?
- 3.) In light of verses 34-36, how would you describe Jesus’ view of the human condition? Do you believe this?
- 4.) Jesus challenges their claim to be children of Abraham (v.37-41) and children of God (v.41-47). On what basis does he challenge this claim?
- 5.) What does Jesus claim about himself in verses 48-59? Why does this cause the people to react like they do in verse 59?
- 6.) How does the bigness of Jesus’ claims affect the way you respond to him? For help, reflect on this quote from C.S. Lewis:
 

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, or you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)
- 7.) If you really believed everything Jesus said in this passage (all the way to the deepest parts of who you are), what would be different about your life?