

LESSON 5.3: DEITY
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 8:12-59

SUMMARY:

John 8 records an interaction between Jesus and the religious leaders of His day, the Pharisees. In verse 58, when Jesus said, "... Before Abraham was, I AM." the Pharisees took up stones to kill Him because they knew exactly what Jesus was saying. Jesus was directly referencing a quote from Exodus 3, thus claiming to be God, an offense deserving of being stoned.

He repeatedly expressed how He was sent from the Father to do His will. Jesus clearly did not consider Himself a mere prophet or just some nice guy. He claimed to be God. In Mark 8, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought He was. They responded with many answers until Peter finally responded with "... the Christ." This week students consider these claims and answer this question for themselves. Who is Jesus?

Jesus alluded to His divinity all throughout John 8 and

CORE VERSES	CORE CONCEPTS
<p><i>"I and My Father are one." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John 10:30-33</i></p>	<p>Jesus claimed to be God and provided compelling evidence.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">DEITY: The status and nature of God</p>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you explain who Jesus is?
- Why is it so important that we understand who Jesus is?
- How does the deity of Jesus change His message or teachings for you?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?