

Jesus: the Great I AM

Intro: John 8:51-59.

1. Jesus is the incarnate God. What does that mean for us?

Body:

I. Jesus is the incarnate God, the second person of the eternal deity.

A. He is God made flesh — John 1:1-2, 14; Phil. 2:5-8.

B. He is eternal.

1. He was before the creation — Col. 1:17.

a. And all things were created by Him —

Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16.

2. He is seen in the Old Testament as the Angel of Jehovah.

a. He led Israel out of Egypt — 1 Cor. 10:4.

b. Isaiah even saw Him sitting on His throne —

Isa. 6:1-10; Jn. 12:40-41.

3. He appears in the N.T. as Jesus, the Son of God.

a. He claimed to be eternal —

Jn. 8:58; Jn. 17:5, 24; Rev. 1:8.

4. The prophets claimed He is eternal —

Isa. 9:6; Mic. 5:2.

II. The significance of Jesus' eternal deity.

A. It makes His sacrifice even greater.

1. He was rich, yet became poor —

2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-8.

B. Our mediator (1 Tim. 2:5) and advocate (1 Jn. 2:1) is on an equality with the Father and reigns at His right hand.

C. I can be assured of His promises — Jn. 14:1-3.

1. Why? — 1 Pet. 1:25.

Conc:

1. The Jews understood very well what Jesus was saying.

a. They wanted to kill Him.

b. What will you do?