

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 8:48-59

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Time is Running Out!”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 8:48-59

Time is a Weird Thing

When we are involved in something unpleasant, it seems to go by slowly
If it's something wonderful – time flies by

Even “Waiting” is a
Strange Thing

I have a friend who has trained his dog to balance a dog biscuit on his nose until
his master says “go”

As you grow older,
time becomes more important to you

Being a Child

- *there are no time problems (no cares)*

Being a Teen

- *there is the first sign of time problems (some cares)*

Being an Adult

- *there is a continual problem with time (many cares)*

Ephesians 5:16-17

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:4-5

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

In the Scientific Sense as well as in the Spiritual Sense,

- *Time is Running Out!*

Time Running Out Can be a good thing.

- It's a good thing when you're winning the game
- It's a good thing when you're nearing a destination
- It's a good thing when you're work is complete

Time Running Out Can be a good thing.

But it can also be a disastrous thing.

Like when you're going to miss a deadline and there'll be no second chance.

Or when you've been told that you have a couple of weeks to live.

It can also be a disastrous thing.

Time is Running Out!

1.) When you begin to attack Jesus Christ

vv. 48-50

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

The "Then"

Verse 52

***Then** the Jews said to Him,
"Now we know that You have a demon!"*

Verse 57

***Then** the Jews said to Him,
"You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"*

Verse 59

***Then** they took up stones to throw at Him*

#1

You are a **Samaritan** (**armk**: show-mer-o-nee)

#2

and have a **demon**?" (**armk**: show-mer-on)

The Jews Taught That
Samaritans Were of The Devil and Demonic

You are a child of satan, (samaritan) and you are demonic
(heretic)

This is what they believed

Proverbs 28:14
But he who hardens his heart
will fall into calamity.

Good Evil and Evil Good

“I never talk about politics and religion”
- - but they will talk about Jesus (\$#%^^^%&##@#@)

Time is Running Out! *When you begin to attack Jesus*

b.) You begin to be ashamed of Him

v.49-50

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

**"I do not have a demon;
but I honor My Father,
and you dishonor Me.**

dishonor grk atimazo (at-im-ad'-zo)

to hold in contempt. To despise, to suffer with shame, or to be shameful about a person

“I don’t want to be seen with them in public”
embarrassed due to association

PAUL THE APOSTLE’S “B.C.” DAYS

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Verse 50

**And I do not seek My own glory.
there is One who seeks and judges.**

<<He will judge all those who dishonor Jesus>>

2.) *When you begin to discard His Word* *vv. 51-55*

a.) *Because His Word is Life* *v.51*

**Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word
he shall never see death."**

he shall never see death."

God Alone was the God Over Death.

They thought Jesus was speaking of physical death
Which He is the lord over that too

SPIRITUAL DEATH

if anyone keeps My word

(Hang on to it, stay close to it, make it your meal, your drink)

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Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste death.' 53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

Regarding Physical Death Abraham died, the prophets died

Verse 53

"Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

#1

"Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead.

#2

Whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

Time is Running Out!

When you begin to discard His Word

54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

It is My Father who honors Me,

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honor grk doxazo (dox-ad'-zo);

to render or to give glory to. To esteem highly. To respect and to show reverence for.

John 17:5

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 14:10-11

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, **or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.**

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**You Will Never Escape This Fact;
That What Jesus Christ Has Said About Himself, Is Truth!**

3.) *When you begin to see Jesus as less* vv. 56-58

a.) *When He is the Eternal One* v.56-57

Your father Abraham (2100bc) rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

There are Several Views on What This Means

From paradise, Abraham saw

Luke 16:23-25

24 Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

In a Vision, Abraham saw

Genesis 15:1-2

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Face to Face, Abraham saw

Genesis 18:1-4

18:1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. (theophanes – christophanes)

Again - Face to Face, Abraham saw

Genesis 18:12-15

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" 13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' 14 "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

Through the Eye of Faith, Abraham saw

Hebrews 11:17-20

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Time is Running Out!

b.) When He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords v.58

Jesus said to them, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**"

I AM

Before Abraham's birth, I was, I am, and shall always be
(ETERNAL)

before anything was ever created, before time began,
before angels existed,

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, I AM BEING NOW, AND SHALL NEVER END

This is What They Clearly Understood Jesus to Say

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

Micah 5:2

2 "But you, Bethlehem,
...out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth
are from of old, From everlasting."

Revelation 19:11-16

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and

His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

1 Timothy 6:15-16

God will bring about in his own time-God, the blessed and only Ruler, **the King of kings and Lord of lords**, 16 who alone is **immortal** and who lives in unapproachable light,

Time is Running Out!

4.) *When you begin to resist the Holy Spirit* vv. 59

Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

a.) *They Resisted His Claims* v.59

Acts 7:51-52

"You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?"

Rather Then Consider - - They Fought, Refused, and Resisted

Ezekiel 18:30-31

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why you should die,

b.) *They Acted upon Their Hatred* v.59

Hatred is Developed and Nursed Along

And it begins with little thoughts, then little actions...

Like a Cancer

Cancer is a Rogue Cell that Rebels

First Sign, Bitterness!

Ephesians 4:30-31

and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all **bitterness**, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you...

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bitterness grk

contamination, pollution, poison, soul sickness

Hebrews 12:12-16

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Romans 3:9-18

10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." 13 "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and **bitterness**." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

c.) They Decided Against Him

v.59

Then they took up stones to throw at Him

“Violence is the last resort of defeated men,
who, when reason fails, they throw stones.”

This Scene Here, Takes us Back to the Origin of this Encounter

John 8:2-5

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

They Had the Stones in Hand

Luke 11:23

He who is not with Me is against Me,
and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

John 3:16-20

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Acts 2:36-39

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."