

Trusting the Great I AM

John 8:52—59

Jesus reveals His eternal divine identity, and human response to Him exposes either hardened unbelief or humble faith.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

HE IS MISUNDERSTOOD AND REJECTED BY UNBELIEF

A. The Accusation: The Jews double down, claiming Jesus is demon-possessed and irrational (v. 52)

B. The Comparison: They measure Jesus against Abraham and the prophets, assuming His inferiority (v. 53)

C. The Reality: Unbelief distorts spiritual truth and **blinds** people to who Jesus truly is

HE HONORS THE FATHER WHILE EXPOSING FALSE CLAIMS

A. The Source: Jesus' identity and authority come from the Father, not self-promotion (v. 54)

B. The Contrast: They claim to know God, yet reject the One sent by Him (v. 55)

C. The Revelation: Abraham rejoiced in anticipation of Christ, pointing to Jesus as the **fulfillment** (v. 56)

HE DECLARES HIS ETERNAL DIVINE IDENTITY

A. The Question: The crowd stumbles over Jesus' claim because they view Him only in human terms (v. 57)

B. The Declaration: Jesus proclaims, “Before Abraham was, I AM,” revealing His eternal nature (v. 58)

C. The Response: Their attempt to stone Him shows that truth often provokes **hostility** in hardened hearts (v. 59)

RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF JESUS

Where might you be reducing Jesus to something less than who He truly is, and what would it look like this week to trust, honor, and follow Him as the eternal I AM?

SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK:
The Blind See
John 9:1—7