

THE GOSPEL STORY  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Good News for a Change  
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John 8: Challenging Jesus' Identity

Outline: Jesus, I Am

John 8:12-16

John 8:19

John 18:25, 27-30

**Jesus tells us he is God's messiah by carefully choosing his words**

**1. Jesus knows his identity**

- When Jesus was asked who He was, He knew how to respond
- When we are asked who we are, how do we respond? What is the first thing we go to when someone asks us to describe ourselves?

**2. Jesus states his identity**

- Jesus uses the I Am statements throughout the book of John and chapter 8 to signify who He was in a time when God's people were specifically asking Him.
- "I am the light of the world." 8:12
- Two weeks ago with "I am the bread of life." 6:35
- "Before Abraham was, I am." 8:58

Jesus was telling His people exactly who he was through the many I am statements Jesus makes in chapter 8.

**3. Jesus fulfills his Identity**

- Jesus fulfilled his identity when he was lifted up as the sacrifice for our sins. 8:28-30
- There is great symbolism in Jesus being lifted up. This was part of his identity as God's son to be lifted up for the benefit of all.
- Our identity as sons and daughters of the father is to lift up his son in glory.

**What do we take from this?**

Do we know our identity?

- Have we taken the time to know God, and be known for him?

Do we state our identity in Christ?

- We are called to speak up when our identity is challenged.

Do we fulfill our identity to glorify God?

- What do we do on Monday, through Saturday that fulfills our identity?