INTRO: Jesus was quite a disturber. He disturbed the Pharisees, the Sadducees, His family, and sometimes His friends. He preached a disturbing message. He asked disturbing questions. He made disturbing claims. For the next few minutes, we will look at some of His disturbing claims.

I. HE CLAIMED ULTIMATE GREATNESS.
   A. Greater than Jonah, Matt. 12:41
   B. Greater than Solomon, Matt. 12:42
   C. Greater than Jacob, John 4:12.
   D. Greater than Abraham, John 8:53, 58.
   E. Greater than the temple, Matt. 12:6

II. HE CLAIMED DEITY.
   A. He spoke of His pre-existence, John 17:5, 24; 8:58.
   B. He claimed the power to forgive sins, Matt. 9:5-6
   C. The Jews understood His claim to Deity.
      READ JOHN 10:30-33

III. CLAIMS THAT DISTURB FOLKS TODAY.
   A. John 14:6, “No one comes to the Father except thru Me.”
   B. Matt 7:21, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”
      1. Faith only.
      2. Good outweighs the bad.
   C. Matt. 28:18, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
      1. church councils, conventions, assoc. have none
      2. creed books, majority opinions, you & I have none.
   D. Mark 16:16, “He who believes and is baptized will be s.”
E. John 12:48, “The word that I have spoken will judge... in the last day.”

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