

## CHRIST MADE DISTURBING CLAIMS

Text: John 8:51-59

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

- D. "I AM," John 8:58; EX 3:13-14.

### 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.
- 3. Better than Hitler, Stalin, Charles Manson.

- 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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