

## “What’s in the ‘case’?”

### John 5.8-18

*How does this passage promote John’s purpose [John 20.31]?*

### JOHN’S ‘CASE’

John is seeking to show that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, by showing that he is the Son of God. The Jewish leaders rejected the Divinity of Jesus and, as a result, rejected him as the Christ (v. 18).

### The Testimony of the *Signs*:

#### *The Seven Signs:*

1. *Turning water into wine [2.1-11]*
2. *The nobleman’s son healed [4.46-54]*
3. *The healing of the crippled man [5.1-9]*
4. *The feeding of the 5000 [6.1-14]*
5. *The walking on the water [6.16-21]*
6. *The healing of the blind man [9.1-7]*
7. *The raising of Lazarus [11.1-44]*

### The Testimony of the *Statements*:

#### *Statements of Others:*

##### From John himself:

- *Jesus is God Who came as a Man [Jn. 1.1, 14]*
- *Jesus has come from the Father [Jn. 1.18,34,49]*
- *Jesus fully reveals the Father [Jn. 8.19; 14:9]*
- *Jesus is to be trusted for eternal Life [Jn. 3.16, 36; 20:31]*
- *Jesus has God’s authority to impart Life, to judge and to rule [Jn. 5.22; 17.2]*

From John the Baptist: Jn. 1.19-36

From Jesus' disciples: Jn. 41,49; 6.68-69

From God Himself: Jn. 1.33

### **Statements of Jesus:**

Both *implicit* and *explicit* statements of his Deity.

- ❖ Jesus' most common implicit claim to Divinity was His constant reference to God as "Father." *John records 137 uses of "Father" by Jesus.* By saying "Father," Jesus refers to His unique and intimate relationship with God that no one had ever claimed previously.

#### **John 5.18**

#### **John 14.8-9**

- ❖ However, Jesus' clearest explicit claim to Divinity was His constant use of referring to Himself as "I AM":
  - I Am the bread of Life [6.35]
  - I Am the Light of the world [8.12]
  - I Am the Door of the sheepfold [10.7]
  - I Am the Good Shepherd [10.11]
  - I Am the Resurrection and the Life [11.25]
  - I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life [14.6]
  - I Am the Vine [15.1]

The most dramatic of these "I Am" statements is:

#### **John 8.52-59**

What was so shocking about Jesus' use of "I AM"?

## Exodus 3.13-15

Several thousand years later: “*call His Name Jesus*” (**Matt. 1.21**)

Why name Him Jesus?

*Ya* [I AM] and *Hoshea* [salvation] = *Yashua* = Jesus

JESUS literally means “I AM salvation” or “the Lord saves”

By saying “I Am,” Jesus is explicitly claiming to be the God of the O.T.

### APPLICATION:

- ⊕ Do you believe that John has made his “case”?
- ⊕ “What does this mean for us today”?
- ⊕ If we are experiencing any doubts, remember that John would tell us:

*Look at Who Jesus is and what He has done!!*