

# Story time

## Part 4 - Jesus: More than a Prophet, More than a Rabbi He's His Own Grandpa

Are you greater than our Father? John 4:12, 8:53

**Honoring parents:** The **FIRST** commandment about how we treat other people.

Exodus 20:12, Leviticus 20:19, Deuteronomy 21:18-21 – Disrespect of parents is a capital offense.

Old Testament Timeline:

2000 BC	1500 BC	1000 BC	500 BC	0
<b> Patriarchs</b>	<b> Moses</b>	<b> David</b>	<b> Daniel</b>	<b> Jesus</b>

Abraham - Genesis 12-25 (**Gn 12:1-3**)

“all the families of the earth will be blessed **through you.**”

Isaac - Genesis 21-27 (**Gn 26:2-4**)

“and through **your offspring** all nations of the earth will be blessed.”

Jacob - Genesis 25-50 (**Gn 35:9-12**)

“kings shall descend from you... and I will give this land to **your descendants** after you.”

David - 1 Samuel 16-31, 2 Samuel 1-24, 1 Kings 1-2 (**2 Sm 7:11-16**)

“I will raise up **your descendant** after you... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

John 4:1-26, \*12 – More than a **PROPHET**, He's the **LIFE GIVER**.

Matthew 22:28-33, 41-46 – More than a **TEACHER**, He's the **ANSWER**.

Hebrews 1 – He's the **KING** and **CREATOR**.

Jesus = the One **IN** whom and **THROUGH** whom **ALL** the **PROMISES** are **FULFILLED**.

Two responses: 1) Refuse to acknowledge Who HE IS.  
2) Tell **EVERYONE** Who HE IS.

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – June 25, 2023

**John 8:53-59** Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’; and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

### DISCOVER

1. How do we disrespect our parents in subtle ways? Does it matter even after they have passed? Explain why it does or doesn't matter. What would be your reaction if someone spoke with contempt toward your parents?
2. What should characterize the life of a believer? What characteristics do you share with your father whether biological or not? How much more should we reflect Jesus as His adopted children?
3. Who do we place on a pedestal as the Pharisees had done with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David? Do all people have idols to some extent? Explain your thoughts. When does someone or something cross the line from being a worthy interest into being an idol or issue of pride?

### EXPLORE

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3, 26:2-4 and 35:9-12. How do these scriptures carry the theme of blessing the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Was anything required of the descendants or was it an inherited blessing without regard to obedience? Explain what God required. How did the Pharisees turn the blessings into an unbearable burden?
2. Read John 8:53-59 again. Why was Jesus' statement of being far more than Abraham such a controversial statement? What was right about the Pharisees honoring Abraham? Where did it go wrong for the Pharisees in their confrontation with Jesus?
3. Read John 4:7-26. Who did Jesus claim to be with the woman at the well? What is living water? What does living water mean to you? The woman at the well left her pot and ran to town to tell of Jesus. What would it take for you to drop your comfort and tell others of Jesus?
4. Read Matthew 22:23-45. Why was Jesus so confrontational with the Sadducees? Why would you not want to argue with Jesus? What were the Sadducees trying to accomplish in questioning Jesus? What should be the condition of our heart when we ask God challenging questions?

### EXPERIENCE

1. How do we avoid being confounded by scripture in similar ways as the Pharisees? How do we stay away from Pharisaic tendencies in our hearts, words, and actions?
2. Jesus clearly demonstrated, testified and proved he was God. If someone says that Jesus was just a prophet, how might you respond? Is Jesus the answer to everything? Explain. What did Jesus want us to know about Himself? What would you tell an unbeliever to explain who Jesus is? Does your heart point to Jesus? When is that a problem for you? What or who competes with God for space in your heart?
3. How do we sometimes fail to recognize the power of God? Briefly tell the group of a life experience that convinced you of God's power. How does such an experience play into your testimony? Has any fruit come from your testimony?

### PRAY

*Pray... Jesus, we want to be a pure reflection of your pure light. Even though it may hurt our feelings, please guide us, confront us, by your Spirit, Word and through fellow believers so that we avoid pitfalls that dim your glory in our witness. To God be the glory forever. Amen.*