

Title: Jesus Hunk And God Babe - John 8:48-58

Read:

⁴⁸The Jews then said, "That clinches it. We were right all along when we called you a Samaritan and said you were crazy—demon-possessed!" ⁴⁹⁻⁵¹Jesus said, "I'm not crazy. I simply honour my Father, while you dishonour me. I am not trying to get anything for myself. God intends something gloriously grand here and is making the decisions that will bring it about. I say this with absolute confidence. If you practice what I'm telling you, you'll never have to look death in the face." ⁵²⁻⁵³At this point the Jews said, "Now we know you're crazy. Abraham died. The prophets died. And you show up saying, 'If you practice what I'm telling you, you'll never have to face death, not even a taste.' Are you greater than Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you think you are!" ⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶Jesus said, "If I turned the spotlight on myself, it wouldn't amount to anything. But my Father, the same One you say is your Father, put me here at this time and place of splendour. You haven't recognized him in this. But I have. If I, in false modesty, said I didn't know what was going on, I would be as much of a liar as you are. But I do know, and I am doing what he says. Abraham—your 'father'—with jubilant faith looked down the corridors of history and saw my day coming. He saw it and cheered." ⁵⁷The Jews said, "You're not even fifty years old—and Abraham saw you?" ⁵⁸"Believe me," said Jesus, "I am who I am long before Abraham was anything." ⁵⁹That did it—pushed them over the edge. They picked up rocks to throw at him. But Jesus slipped away, getting out of the Temple

Think:

Look around at adverts today. There are airbrushed photos of women, who don't really exist, that the young women of this world feel they need to become. There are sports stars, who spend five hours a day in the gym, that young men are told they need to be like. Film stars have plastic surgery and go through ridiculous diets to become stick thin. Let me say this as clear as I can. God, does not want you that way. God, does not want you to become like some impossibly thin woman, or some daft super hunk, that cares more about his six pack, than the fact that people die in the world, because they don't have enough food. These people are so busy trying to make themselves immortal, that they miss the point of life. They are so busy trying to live forever, that they don't have time to realise that Jesus means they can live forever. In this passage, Jesus is saying to the posh leaders of the Church. "Hey accept the fact, that I am Gods Son and your will never die. Follow me and you will live forever, partying in Heaven." The posh dudes missed the point, just like those today, that look for their happiness in the gym, or at the plastic surgeons. Don't you make the same mistake.

Pray:

Father, I thank you that you made me just as I am. Lord, thank you for every lump and bump, for every spot that makes me the person I am. Lord, thank you that I am just the way you made me. Amen.

Action:

Are you feeling brave? I dare you to stand in front of the mirror and thank God again for who you are. And this time really mean it. Bye.