# JUST WHO IS THIS GUY?

#### I. An Evil Imposter? (Vv. 48-51)

# A. Their <u>Callous</u> Accusations <u>Samaritan</u>

The worst thing a Jew could call a person (John 4:9)

<u>Demon</u> possessed Nuts, insane, irrational

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The accusations were written in the Talmud -"Jesus the Nazarene practiced magic and deceived and led Israel astray."- (Talmud Sanhedrin 107b, Sotah 47a) Calling God Satan, and Satan God

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B. His <u>Calm</u> Reaction - I don't have a demon
When reviled He didn't revile in return
1 Peter 2:23

Gave a soft answer–Proverbs 15:1

II. An Incapable Promoter? (Vv. 52-55) A. Their Amazement at His Claims Greater than Abraham If not true, downright blasphemy and madness – Philip Schaff **B.** His Assessment of Their Condition

A. His Claim to Deity

Abraham recognized me as superior Self-disclosed name of God–Exodus 3:14 I AM - ego eimi

A. Direct claim to deity Predates Abraham Later Thomas calls him "My Lord and My God"–John 20:28

# B. Their Cruel <u>Defiance</u>

Jesus claims are true, they are committing blasphemy

He is the Redeemer, Creator, Regulator of the universe, Savior, Head of the church, pre-eminent – Colossians 1:18

#### Jesus Deserves First Place

## Does Jesus have first place in your heart?