

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and the pages are fanned out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a dramatic lens flare effect with several rays of light extending upwards and outwards. The background is dark, making the light and the book stand out. The overall mood is one of illumination and knowledge.

BOOK *of* JOHN

HONOR OR DISHONOR

JOHN 8:48-59

Our next study of contrasts: The religious leaders could not refute the Lord's statements, so they attacked His person.

They were ***DISHONORING*** Jesus,
but Jesus was ***HONORING*** the Father.

- **What comes to your mind when you think of the word honor?**
- Jesus made it clear that it was impossible to honor the Father without honoring the Son. **John 5:23**

ABRAHAM AND JESUS

Abraham, whom they claimed as their father, saw Jesus' day and rejoiced—but not them! How did Abraham “see” our Lord's day?

- The same way he saw the future city: by faith.
Hebrews 11:10, 13-16
- He certainly saw Calvary when he offered Isaac to God.
Genesis 22
- In the ministry of Melchizedek, Abraham could see the heavenly priesthood of the Lord. **Genesis 14:17-24**

THEY WERE NOT GOING TO HONOR THIS SON v. 58-59

These words were another affirmation of Christ's divine sonship; and the Jewish leaders received the news exactly as intended. Again, He uses "I AM."

- He had once again made Himself equal with God (**John 5:18**) and this was the sin of blasphemy, worthy of death. **Leviticus 24:16**
- Scripture is clear that two types of people exist in the world: those who *honor* and those who *dishonor* Jesus!

THE MOST HORRIBLE TASTE IN THE WORLD

What in the world was Jesus getting at there in **verse 52**?
Was He a lunatic? Never taste death?

“Death” has a threefold interpretation in the Scriptures.

- 1.** Death is the termination of life’s earthly journey.
- 2.** Death is used to express the state of unsaved men.
- 3.** Death is the ultimate tragedy which overwhelms the guilty who are without Christ.

The worst taste: the second death. **REV. 20:13-14**

LOOKING AT THE THREE DEATHS

- 1.** Death and the unbeliever's future **Matt. 16:28**
- 2.** Death and the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Heb. 2:9**
- 3.** Death and the Christian **John 8:52; John 11:25-26; John 5:24; John 1:12-13**

If you **honor** Jesus, God will **honor** you; if you **dishonor** Jesus, then you have **dishonored** yourself. And, you will one day taste the most horrible taste in the world: the second death at the Great White Throne.

THE REASON FOR JOHN'S CONTRASTS

- **Grace and Law ----- John 8:1-11**
- **Light and Darkness ----- John 8:12-20**
- **Life and Death ----- John 8:21-30**
- **Freedom and Bondage ---- John 8:31-47**
- **Honor or Dishonor----- John 8:48-59**

It is truly a matter of one of two roads from which to choose: the road to glory or the fool's highway, life or death. Choose life!