

John 8:37

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Abraham lived about 2000 years before Jesus was born. God appeared to Abraham and made promises to him. God promised to make Abraham a great nation, bless him, and make him a blessing to all the families of the earth. God promised to make Abraham's children as many as the stars in heaven. God promised to give the land of Canaan to Abraham and his children forever. Abraham believed the LORD, and the LORD counted it to him as righteousness.

Think about [John 8:33-40](#).

They (the Jews) answered him (Jesus), "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone." ... (Jesus said) I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did."

- What were these Jews seeking to do? Why?
- What were these Jews trusting in for their salvation?

[Luke 3:8](#) "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham." (John the Baptist said this to the Jews.)

- How did Jesus reason with them to help them understand they were not of the children God promised to Abraham? (See John 8:33-40 quoted above.)
- How does Jesus decide who is truly a child's parent? (See John 8:33-40 quoted above, and ...)

[Matthew 12:46-50](#) *While he (Jesus) was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you" But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

- How did Jesus describe his teaching? (See John 8:33-40 quoted above.)
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