

John 8:52

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Think about [John 8:52-53](#).

The Jews said to him (Jesus), "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

Demons are spirit beings that serve the devil, Satan. Demons lead people astray from the truth, by deceiving them with lies. Demons are less powerful than God, but more powerful than humans. With God's permission, they can do supernatural works to hurt and fool people.

- Why did these Jews think Jesus had a demon in him?

Abraham lived about 2000 years before Jesus was born.

- Did Abraham's body die?

[Genesis 25:7-9](#) *These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years.*

Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah,

- Is Abraham dead?

[Matthew 22:31-32](#) *(Jesus said) "And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living."*

- The Jews asked Jesus: "Are you greater than our father Abraham? ... Who do you make yourself out to be?". How would you answer their questions?
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(Jesus said) ... you (Jews) have not known him (God). I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.

- What two things did Jesus say are true about himself?
 - What do you think is the connection between these two things?
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