What is so great about God? People sail through life taking pride in their achievements.

* If people celebrate their achievements – how much more must we praise God: *How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all.* [Psalm 104: 24]
* When Jesus speaks – God speaks.

The Jews charge Jesus as foreign to the covenants of God and in league with the devil

* Jesus is happy to oblige – witnessing to the truth is what he does

Jesus answers the question: *Who do you make yourself out to be in five parts?* [five = number of grace]

* He identifies his Father
* He calls them liars
* He points to his relationship with the Father – *I keep his word*
* Now the final shoe is about to drop – *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad*
* The final shoe drops – Jesus claims divinity - *I tell you the truth . . . before Abraham was born, I am!*

RESPONSE: *So, they picked up stones to throw at him*

In rejecting Jesus the Jews do not act like Abraham or children of God

* Jesus is true God and only way to heaven
* No one comes to this truth except by a new creation of heart and life through the Holy Spirit

The Book of Acts - passage after passage – reveals God claiming a people of repentance and baptism through the Holy Spirit

Jesus is our advocate with the Father

* John 16:8 – *if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.*
* Jesus also sends the Holy Spirit or Paraclete as our Advocate

The Holy Spirit is the shy person of the Trinity

* He witnesses to Jesus not himself
* A Christian filled with the Holy Spirit speaks not about the Holy Spirit all the time – but witnesses to Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world
* John 16:14 *He will glorify me* [Jesus] *because he will take what is mine and declare it to you*

God is great

* The same promise he made to the apostles is true for us: *I am with you always to the very end of the age*
* He blesses us with two advocates
* Eagerly plant yourself into the word – the Holy Spirit is there and will pour faith and wisdom about Jesus into you.
* Then you will know and proclaim what is so great about God