

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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John 8:21-30

READ

John 8:12-20

Luke 16:19-31

Romans 6:2-11

Hebrews 11:8-16

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Compare the statements made by Jesus during the Feast of Tabernacles in John 7:33-34 & 8:21. What is similar? What is now new?
2. What is the meaning of “sin”? What does it mean to “die in your sin”? What insight is added by the Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)? Is there a difference between “you...will die in your sin” (v. 21) and “you will die in your sins” (v. 24)?
3. Contrast those who “are from below, . . . [and] of this world” with He that is “from above . . . [and] not of this world” (v. 23). What is Jesus trying to highlight by this distinction? Is He successful? And how does it fit with, “for unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins” (v. 24)?
4. What is the alternative to being “from below” and “of this world”?
 - Philippians 3:20
 - Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16
 - Ephesians 2:5-6, 19
 - Colossians 3:1-2
5. What is the alternative to dying in your sins?
 - Revelation 14:13
 - 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 6:2-11
6. What is the *one* distinctive about belief/faith (vv. 24, 30)? (Hint: Who/what is the sole object of faith?) Why is it critically important to be that precise (v. 24b; Acts 4:12; John 14:6)?

7. Note that the word “He” does not appear in the Greek text of verses 24 & 28. As an italicized word it has been added by the translators in an effort to provide clarity not emphasis. Compare vv. 24 & 28 with Exodus 3:13-15. What do you notice? What is Jesus saying about Himself? What impact does this have on, “for unless you believe that **I am**, you will die in your sins” (v. 24b)?

8. What two things are suggested by the phrase “lift up” (v. 28)?

- Isaiah 33:10
- Isaiah 52:13-14

How does Jesus bring these two ideas together? And where do they meet?

9. Jesus applies two powerful Old Testament concepts to Himself in v. 28. They are—

- (1)
- (2)

What is the stated result of being lifted up in relationship to these two concepts?

10. What does Jesus say, or affirm, about the Father?

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)
- (8)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will set my mind on things above, and seek things above, this week by . . .

2. I will live the reality of who Jesus is this week by . . .