

John 8:20-30
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"While Andrew Jackson was President of the United States, a man was given a court trial and condemned to die. President Jackson offered to pardon him but the condemned man refused the pardon. Prison authorities, the Attorney General of the United States, and others earnestly endeavored to convince the man to accept the pardon. They tried to impress upon him that it would not only spare his life, but that if he did not accept the pardon, it would be an insult to the president. The man persisted. . . . The Attorney General consulted the Supreme Court, asking whether legal authorities could not force the man to receive the pardon. THE COURT RULED THAT THE PARDON WAS MERELY A PRINTED STATEMENT UNTIL THE MAN ACCEPTED IT. IF HE REJECTED THE PARDON, IT REMAINED PRINTED MATTER. *DB Sept. 24, 1982.*

8:19 - Context of what is to follow. They do not know the Father. The way to know the Father is by knowing the Son!

“. . . ."**You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.**"

THEIR IGNORANCE OF JESUS SHOWED THEIR IGNORANCE OF GOD, FOR JESUS IS THE REVELATION OF THE FATHER!

John 1:14, 18 and 14:7 and 9

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Joh 14:7 "**If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.**"

Joh 14:8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

Joh 14:9 Jesus said to him, "**Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?**"

8:20 - Jesus was teaching in the temple. There were those there who desired to kill Him but were unable to do so because "His hour was not yet come"

JESUS WAS WORKING ON GOD'S TIME SCHEDULE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FATHERS WILL. AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, HIS TIME WAS SHORT AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO HIM WAS LIKEWISE SHORT. SEE **21**.

John 8:21 -cf. 12:35 again.

Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said to them, "**A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.**"

Joh 12:36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

Temporal character of Jesus 1st Advent. cf. **John 7:33-36** .

Joh 7:33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent Me.

Joh 7:34 You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."

Joh 7:35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"

Joh 7:36 What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

Matt. 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...." TURN HERE.

Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!"

ISAIAH HAD SOME GOOD ADVICE FOR HIS NATION:

Is. 55:6-8 . "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon Him; and to our God; for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

THIS IS WHY THE JEW COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE WORDS OF JESUS. BECAUSE THEIR WAYS WERE NOT GOD'S WAYS! IN FACT CHRIST tells THEM IN **John 8:19** "Ye neither know me, nor my Father."

Why is that?

I Jn. 2:23 "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; He that confesseth the Son hath the Father also."

JESUS CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT INDEED KNOW THE FATHER. **Jn. 1:17-18** .

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"...while ye have light, believe in the light that ye may be the sons of light...."

John 8:21 Ye shall seek me and SHALL DIE IN YOUR SIN! (singular in NIV and NASB)

THERE are those who will "seek and not find." **7:34**

Joh 7:34 You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."

"seek and die in their sin" **8:21, 24**

Joh 8:21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

Joh 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

"seek - and follow after." 13:33-36

Joh 13:33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Joh 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Joh 13:36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

The difference? 8:24 !!!!!!!!!!! NO BELIEVE = **DAMNATION FOR UNBELIEVING JEW !!!!!**

YOU MUST ACCEPT THE SALVATION THAT JESUS DIED TO PROVIDE. IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT IT, YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SIN!

21-24 SAYS THAT THEY WOULD DIE IN THEIR SIN. WHY? BECAUSE THEY WERE REJECTING THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO REMOVE THE SIN ONCE AND FOR ALL. **JOHN THE BAPTIST**, THE GREATEST OF ALL THE PROPHETS DECLARED OF JESUS, IN

Jn. 1:29 "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD."

To refuse to allow the Messiah to take away their sin they would remain in the bondage of sin and reap it's immediate and ultimate results.

22 - THEIR SPECULATION ON AN EARTHLY PLANE

23 - JESUS' EXCLAMATION OF HIS HEAVENLY ORIGIN.

Their question as to whether or not He would kill Himself was almost an ironic prophecy for we read in John 10:11, 18 that he did lay down His own life!

After **24** their curiosity was peaked

IN **John 5:17** HE HAD EVIDENTLY MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR TO THEM THAT HE CLAIMED EQUALITY WITH THE FATHER!

JESUS HAD SAID, "I AM the BREAD of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and He that believeth on me shall never thirst." **6:35**

Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus continues to speak the WORDS OF LIFE...

WE SAW JUST LAST WEEK ...

8:12 "I AM the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the LIGHT OF LIFE."

10:9 "I AM the door; by me if any man enter in, HE SHALL BE SAVED and shall go in and out, and find pasture!"

10:11 "I AM the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

11:25 "I AM the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, YET SHALL HE LIVE."

14:26 "I AM the way, the truth and the life; No man cometh unto the Father, but by ME."

CF. 6:45 "...Every man therefore that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me."

15:1&5 "I AM the true vine...ye are the branches

6:35 "I AM the bread of life

Each of these revelations of Christ are sufficient in and of themselves to provide life to the hearers. Not a life based on fully understanding, but a life based on faith! Trusting, believing, and receiving, Jesus Christ. He is Life!

Joh 8:26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

26 Many things to say... SOME OF WHICH HE SPOKE LATER IN CH. 8. AS WE SAID EARLIER - **JESUS CAME TO REVEAL THE FATHER**, THIS HE DOES AND HE TELLS THE JEW THAT "I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM."

DOES "THE WORLD" INCLUDE THE JEW? SEE **27** "...HE SPOKE TO THEM OF THE FATHER."

THE WHOLE PROBLEM IS SUMMARIZED BACK IN **23**. THEY ARE OF THE WORLD AND SEE THINGS IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD! ALL THEY SAW WAS A CARPENTERS SON, AN ITINERATE PREACHER, A BLASPHEMER.

BUT ALL THAT WAS TO CHANGE WHEN JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED.

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Joh 8:28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

Joh 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

JN. 3:14 "AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERVANT IN THE WILDERNESS, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP."

JN. 12:32 "AND I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME."

Joh 12:33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Joh 12:34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

Joh 12:36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

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Joh 8:30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

HOW ABOUT HERE TODAY?

YOU HAVE HEARD OF JESUS MANY TIMES. BUT HAVE YOU BELIEVED?