

John 8: 12 - 24

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**" 13 The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. 18 **I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.**" 19 Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "**You do not know me or my Father,**" Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come. 21 Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and **you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.**" 22 This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" 23 But he continued, "**You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.**"

1. In verse 12 what does Jesus mean when He says, "**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life**"?
2. What does this same verse say about people who do not follow Jesus?
3. In verse 13, why were the Jews saying that His testimony was not valid?
4. In verse 14, if Jesus testifies about himself why is his testimony valid whereas another persons testimony about himself would not be valid?
5. Actually verse 18 tells us the other person who testifies for Jesus. Who is it?
6. In verse 19, what was Jesus saying to these Jewish religious leaders?
7. Jesus' words made the leaders very angry. In verse 20 why didn't they capture Jesus?
8. In verse 21, why does Jesus say, "**you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.**"? Does this statement apply to everyone?
9. What was Jesus saying in verse 23 that would make the religious leaders very angry?
10. What does verse 24 teach about the way a person can become forgiven of sin? What happens if a person dies in his sins?

John 8: 25 – 41

John 8:25 "Who are you?" they asked. "Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied. 26 "I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world." 27 They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28 So Jesus said, "**When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.**" 29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." 30 **Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.** 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 **Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**" 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.**" 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. **Yet you are ready to kill me,** because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and **you do what you have heard from your father.**" 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 **You are doing the things your own father does.**" "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

11. In verse 28, who is given the most convincing evidence that Jesus is who He says He is? Does this mean that a person should pretend to believe even if he doesn't? What are ways that a person can lift Jesus up?
12. In verse 30, what was happening as Jesus was teaching?
13. In verse 32, Jesus says that for the true disciples the truth will set them free. Free from what? (*see vs.34*)
14. What is Jesus teaching in verse 35?
15. In verse 38, who is Jesus referring to when He speaks of their father?
John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
16. In verse 39, why did Jesus say that Abraham is not their father?