

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Object Of Faith"
John 8:22-30
Part-29

Jesus:

- V. 14 – "I know"
- V. 15 – "I am not judging anyone"

- V. 23 – "I am from above"
- V. 23 – "I am not of this world"

Pharisees:

- V. 14 – "you don't know"
- V. 15 – "you judge according to the flesh"

- V. 23 – "you are from below"
- V. 23 – "you are of the world"

The Bible Teaches There Are 2 Births:

1. Birth from above, being born again by God's Spirit.
2. Birth of this world, being born of the flesh.

There Are 2 Ways To Die:

1. The Sinner Dies In His Sins.
2. The Believer Dies In The Lord (**Revelation 14:13**). Faith in Jesus Christ makes the difference.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Object Of Our Faith Is Jesus Who Delivers Us From The Judgment Of Dying In Our Sins."

1. Verses 22-24 – His Destination

2. Verses 25-27 – His Person

3. Verses 28-30 – His Mission

1. Verses 22-24 – His Destination:

John 8:22

"So the Jews were saying," – The Context – The Feast of Tabernacles is over. Jesus uses the light of the Menorahs that have been extinguished to invite those in Darkness to experience His light of revelation, John 8:12.

John 8:22 – "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He," – The religious were right in the fact that there would be a death!

Religious leaders misunderstood Jesus a few days earlier – John 7:33-35.

Self-Righteousness: "since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" – Jesus is a lost soul that will be under God's judgment. They won't be seeing Jesus in eternity! Proverbs 30:12.

Jesus would die by the hands of those that were mocking Him – Acts 2:23.

John 8:23

“And He was saying to them,” – Jesus gives an explanation as to why the religious leaders could not grasp these truths.

“You are from below,” – this is the natural man.

Naturalist – “someone who believes that studying physical sciences, nature, or natural history can help answer most, if not all, of our questions.”

A natural man’s vision is tainted by sin. They see all through the grid of a natural unregenerate limited mind; as to what they can see and perceive is limited to the natural senses. They are insensitive to spiritual truth!

2 Corinthians 4:4

“I am from above;” – The sinless perfection of God. John 3:31

Worldly: “you are of this world,” – Greek “Kosmos”; “the invisible spiritual system of evil that is separated and alienated which opposes God, living life apart from God”; Materialism, humanism, immorality, pride, and selfishness. 1 John 2:15

Jude 1:19

They were ignorant of Jesus’ mission – John 8:14.

They judge by merely human standards – John 8:15.

They are ignorant of Jesus’ person, and His Father – John 8:19.

They don’t know God, so they can’t go where Jesus goes – John 8:21.

They are of the world – John 8:23.

John 17:16; Ephesians 2:6

John 8:24 – “Therefore” – What is the “therefore” there for? John 8:21

Unbelieving: “you will die in your sins;” – Jesus tells them they need to consider their own deaths.

The Way Of Escape Is Through Faith: “for unless you believe” – “entrust, to commit”; Not casual but to give over.

“that I am He,” – Note that “He” is in italics, placed there by the translators to give the sense. The “I am” is present, which is a clear declaration of Jesus being God, The Great “I AM”, John 8:58-59.

Deuteronomy 32:39

Isaiah 43:10

“you will die in your sins.” – Darkness is unbelief, the unwillingness to receive the message of Jesus. John 3:3

Jesus said salvation is a result of belief in His person – “for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

2. Verses 25-27 – His Person:

John 8:25

Willful Ignorance: “Who are You?”; John 8:24 – “I am He,”

“Jesus said to them, ‘What have I been saying to you from the beginning?’”

John 8:25 (NLT) – “Jesus replied, ‘The one I have always claimed to be.’”

John 8:25 (NRSV) – “Jesus said to them, ‘Why do I speak to you at all?’”

John 8:25 (NIV) – “‘Just what I have been claiming all along,’ Jesus replied.”

Proverbs 26:4

What is needed is not further Revelation but “little faith”. They are refusing the Light-Revelation that Jesus is giving to them! (Suffering from willful blindness)

1 Corinthians 2:14

John 8:26

Luke 12:48

“world” – “the unbelieving world of mankind”

Luke 19:10

John 8:27 – Willful Unbelief had made them blind to the truth.

3. Verses 28-30 – His Mission:

John 8:28

John 3:14 – The term “lifted up” was only used by John to describe the cross of Jesus, John 8:28; 12:32, 34.

“the Son of Man,” – John 1:51

“then you will know that I am He,” – The cross would vindicate and prove all the claims of Jesus; the resurrection and ascension that would follow.
Acts 17:31

“and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.” – Taught by the Father; Jesus came to do His will!

John 8:29

“for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” – Note The Divine Companionship Of Jesus And The Father Is Founded On Obedience!

We should have as our goal to be ever pleasing to the Lord!
2 Corinthians 5:9

John 8:30 – “many came to believe” – “an energetic faith, to cast themselves on Him.”

Jesus was not impressed with the Jerusalem crowd – John 2:23-25.

Application:

1. The Way To Escape Dying In Your Sins Is Through Faith In Jesus Christ.
2. The Unbelief Of The Religious Could Be Cured, Not With Further Revelation, But Little Faith. They Were Refusing The Light-Revelation That Jesus Was Giving To Them.
3. Note The Divine Companionship Of Jesus And The Father Is Founded On Obedience.