

SERMON OUTLINE John 8:21-30

You Will Die In Your Sin Unless You Believe

JESUS' TEACHING (21)

THE REACTION OF THE JEWS (22)

JESUS TEACHING (23-24)

THE REACTION OF THE JEWS (25)

JESUS' TEACHING (25-26)

THE RESPONSE OF THE JEWS (27)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

At its heart, this is a passage on the various glories of Jesus and the various responses of those who witnessed it. We see Jesus' glory in His certain knowledge of the future, His heavenly origin, destination, obedience, and affections, His offer of salvation through His sacrificial death, His consistent and entirely divine teaching, His divine nature, and His perfect pleasure. And we see the various responses of the crowds in the confusion of most and belief of some. The main takeaways for us are to pursue the glory of Jesus in faith and declare it to the world that they might not die in their sin.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. As you consider what it means that Jesus is the Christ, how much do you think of His teaching?
3. Talk about some of the different responses you've gotten when sharing the gospel with non-Christians.
4. Talk about some of the different responses you've gotten when trying to help Christians live more fully in obedience to Jesus.
5. What aspect of Jesus' glory seems most glorious to you in this passage? In what way do you live differently because it's true?
6. How jarring do you think it was for Jesus to go from heaven to earth and then back to heaven?
7. Is it easy for you to explain why death is the only just penalty for sin? How would you explain it to a kid? To a non-Christian?
8. In your own words, why did the Jews not believe Jesus?
9. What does it mean to be "from below" and "of this world"? What aspects of those things remain in you?
10. How shocking do you think Jesus' claim was that salvation came from believing in Him rather than doing the works of the law?
11. Can you name a way in which your understanding of the glory of Jesus has grown in the last few months? What difference did it make in your life?
12. What aspect of heaven are you most looking forward to?
13. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

14. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
15. Try to come up with a creative way to teach kids what it means that Jesus is greater than they could ever imagine.
16. Study more closely one of Jesus' teachings this week. Share what you find at DG.
17. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week that they might not die in their sin..
18. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
19. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

20. Adoration. Praise God for being triune. Praise God for being perfectly unified. Praise God for being true in everything. Praise God for being entirely "from above". Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God for being amazingly gracious.
21. Confess. Confess any ways you are still living like you are "from below" or "of this world." Confess any promises of God you are struggling to believe. Confess any reluctance to share the good news of Jesus with the world. Confess inferior longings.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you by grace, through faith. Thank God for lifting Jesus up and thank Jesus for willingly laying His life down to be lifted up. Thank God for heaven. Thank God for Jesus' teaching. Thank God for Grace Church.
23. Supplication. Ask God to grant belief to someone specific. Ask God to draw the kids of Grace Church to Himself. Ask God to give us proper fear of death and longing for heaven. Ask God to make us holy. Ask God to comfort the hurting.