



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 8:21-30 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Where was Jesus going, to whom was He going, and when was He going?

Jesus was going away to heaven, to His Father, after He ascended into heaven (following His crucifixion, death, burial, and rising from the dead).

2. Why would some of Jesus’ listeners look for Him, not find Him, and die in their sin?

After He rose from the dead, some wanted to find Him or find His body and disprove His resurrection, which they failed to do—they would die in their sin. Some would look to find the resurrected Jesus to learn more from Him or to test Him, but it would be too late for they had missed their opportunity. They would not find Him because He had ascended into heaven to His Father. They would die in their sins because they would not repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as He revealed himself as recorded in the Bible, that He is “I AM,” the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Lord and other titles.

3. What does Jesus declare to the world?

Jesus declared to the world what He heard from His Father, the One who sent Him. Through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel, Jesus still declares the good news of salvation for all who will hear and believe in Him.

4. In what way did Jesus use the divine name for himself?

Jesus told people they would die in their sins unless they believed that “I AM,” which is the literal translation of the Greek New Testament that is sometimes translated “I am He,” or “I am the One,” or “I am who I am.” He also said, “I am the light, and “I am the bread of life,” and used “I am” in other ways that we will learn about in future lessons.

5. How did Jesus tell His listeners that He was the Messiah, and when did He say some of them would realize who He was?

Jesus used the title, “Son of Man,” and He said some of them would realize He was the Messiah and Son of God after they “lifted up the Son of Man;” that is, crucified Him. Some learned that at the foot of the cross and others on the Day of Pentecost and later.

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