

Gospel of John  
[Jesus' Unique Claims (John 8:21-30)]

Introduction: General Structure of Chapter 8

-Three Cameos of Jesus Teaching in the Temple (vs. 12-20; vs 21-30; vs. 31-59)

-Jesus' hearers often fail to grasp the meaning of His words (2:19-21; 3:3, 4; 4:10, 11, 32, 33; 6:33-35, 51, 52; 7:34, 35).

1) Jesus foretells His departure (vs. 21, 22).

-See John 7:33-35

2) Jesus calls His hearers to faith in Himself (vs. 23-25).

-Two ways to die: in sin (Ezek. 3:20); in the Lord (Rev. 14:13)

3) Jesus claims to be one with the Father (vs. 26, 27).

-See John 3:34; 5:30; 8:16

4) Jesus foretells His crucifixion and exaltation (vs. 28-30).

-vs. 28, 29: see Is. 52:13; John 12:23, 24, 31-33

-v. 30: see John 2:23-25

Practical Lessons

1) The spiritual blindness of fallen humanity is deep, disturbing, and deadly (1 Cor. 2:14).

2) There is a huge difference between true Christians and unbelievers (Luke 16:8; Eph. 2:2, 3; 5:6; Col. 3:6; 1 Thess. 5:5; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17).

3) The consequences of unbelief are serious beyond imagination.

4) It is possible to seek Christ in vain.

5) Those who follow Jesus will walk in the light (John 12:36; 1 John 1:6).