

Dr. James Carroll, Senior Pastor

20160703 | John 8:21-30 | Unless You Believe

Scripture -

So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

(John 8:21-30 ESV)

Overview - Unless we trust in the One who is like us yet completely different, we're headed for ultimate disaster.

- 1. Jesus lived to please the Father; we live to please ourselves.
- 2. Jesus has intimate union with the Father; we don't know the Father.
- 3. Jesus is heavenly; we are earthly.
- 4. Jesus is exalted in death; we perish in death.