A Life or Death Decision
John 8:12-29

Intro: A black screen—trying to describe a picture. Remove the darkness, and you can see for yourself.

1. ***Follow*** Jesus and he will give you the ***light*** of ***life*** (v. 12-20)
2. ***Reject*** Jesus and you will earn the ***darkness*** of ***death.*** (vv. 21-29)

***12Jesus spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”***

***13So the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying about yourself. Your testimony is not valid.”***

***14“Even if I testify about myself,” Jesus replied, “my testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I’m going. But you don’t know where I come from or where I’m going. 15You judge by human standards., I judge no one. 16And if I do judge, my judgment is true, because it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17Even in your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. 18I am the one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.”***

***19Then they asked him, “Where is your Father?”***

***“You know neither me nor my Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew me, you would also know my Father.” 20He spoke these words by the treasury, while teaching in the temple. But no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.***

***21Then he said to them again, “I’m going away; you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I’m going, you cannot come.”***

***22So the Jews said again, “He won’t kill himself, will he, since he says, ‘Where I’m going, you cannot come’?”***

***23“You are from below,” he told them, “I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am he, you will die in your sins.”***

***25“Who are you?” they questioned.***

***“Exactly what I’ve been telling you from the very beginning,” Jesus told them. 26“I have many things to say and to judge about you, but the one who sent me is true, and what I have heard from him—these things I tell the world.”***

***27They did not know he was speaking to them about the Father. 28So Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own. But just as the Father taught me, I say these things. 29The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him.” [[1]](#footnote-1)***

1. [*Christian Standard Bible*](https://ref.ly/logosres/csb?ref=BibleCSB2.Jn8.21&off=29&ctx=DICTS+HIS+DEPARTURE%0a~21%C2%A0Then+he+said+to+t) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Jn 8:21–29. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)