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### **The Declaration That Demands Clarification!**

**John 8:12-30** <sup>12</sup>Once again, Jesus spoke to the people and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone when I judge; I am with the Father, who sent Me. <sup>17</sup>Even in your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. <sup>18</sup>I am One who testifies about Myself, and the Father, who sent Me, also testifies about Me." <sup>19</sup>"Where is Your Father?" they asked Him. "You do not know Me or My Father," Jesus answered. "If you knew Me, you would know My Father as well." <sup>20</sup>He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts, near the treasury. Yet no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come. <sup>21</sup>Again He said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for Me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup>So the Jews began to ask, "Will He kill Himself, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup>Then He told them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>That is why I told you that you would die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup>"Who are You?" they asked. "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning," Jesus replied. <sup>26</sup>"I have much to say about you and much to judge. But the One who sent Me is truthful, and what I have heard from Him, I tell the world." <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that He was telling them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said, "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, but speak exactly what the Father has taught Me. <sup>29</sup>He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him." <sup>30</sup>As Jesus spoke these things, many believed in Him. (BSB)

This passage is better taught through a series of questions.

I. What does Jesus mean when He said you will never walk in darkness and you will have the light of life? V.12

A. Jesus is the ultimate in revealed **truth** from God. V.12

B. We are born in spiritual **darkness**.

**Ephesians 2:1-2** As for you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you used to walk when you conformed to the ways of this world and of the ruler

of the power of the air, the spirit who is now at work in the sons of disobedience.  
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**II. Where is the location that Jesus going to? V.21**

- A.** He is going back to His Father's side in the heavenly realms. V.18
- B.** Finding Him cannot be done on a worldly level. V.23

**III. What does He mean in verse 24?**

- A.** The unqualified declaration of I Am He is a declaration of Deity.

**Isaiah 43:10-13** "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may consider and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me, no god was formed, and after Me none will come. I, yes I, am the LORD, and there is no Savior but Me. I alone decreed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. Even from eternity I am He, and none can deliver out of My hand. When I act, who can reverse it?" (NIV)

- B.** Jesus' statement in verse 24 makes His deity an essential for salvation.
- C.** Any human who does not declare and live with Jesus as their Lord will die in darkness. This darkness will remain for all eternity.