

Four Ways To Die In Your Sins

John 8:21-30

A GREAT TRAGEDY

- *John 8:21, 24* – “Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.” (24) “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, *you will die in your sins.*”
- *Three times Jesus tells the scribes and the Pharisees that they would die in their sins.*
- *WHY?*

A GREAT TRAGEDY

- **John 1:9** – *“That was the true Light which, coming into the world, gives light to every man.”*
- *Man very often does not live up to the light.*
- **John 3:19** – *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”*
- **WHY WILL PEOPLE DIE IN THEIR SINS?**

1. BE SELF-RIGHTEOUS

- *Jn. 8:21* – “Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”
- A self-righteous response – “So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come’?” (v.22)
- They mocked what Jesus said by bringing up suicide which reversed Jesus’ statement.

1. BE SELF-RIGHTEOUS

- *Luke 16:15* – “And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
- *Romans 10:3* – “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”

2. BE WORLDLY

- **JOHN 8:23** – “And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.”
- **Matthew 13:22** – “Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

2. BE WORLDLY

- *Galatians 1:4* – “who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father”.
- *1 John 2:15-17* – “Do not love the world or the things in the world...”
- *James 4:4* – “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

3. BE UNBELIEVING

- **John 8:24** – “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”
- **John 3:36** – “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- “I AM” – living water, good shepherd, light, vine, resurrection and life – do you believe all that I have claimed to be?

4. BE WILLFULLY IGNORANT

- **JOHN 8:25** – “Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.”
- This is incredible – they had seen miracles daily and heard powerful words.
- They were really saying, “Who do you think you are?”

4. BE WILLFULLY IGNORANT

- *John 8:28* – “Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*,”
- *After Jesus was lifted up the centurion said, “Truly, truly this was the Son of God.”*

AN INVITATION

- *John 8:12* – “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
- A Condemnation – *John 8:26* – “I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”
- *John 8:30* – “As He spoke these words, *many believed in Him.*