

John 8:21

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Think about [John 8:21-24](#).

... he (Jesus) said to them (unbelieving Jews) ... "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come. ... I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

- What will happen to these people, if they do not believe that Jesus is the son of God?
 - When Jesus saw the faith of a paralyzed man, what did Jesus do?
[Matthew 9:2](#) *And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."*
 - What is sin compared to?
[Luke 11:4](#) *(Jesus said) ... "When you pray, say: "... forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted (owes money) to us."*
 - What does God's justice require of a person who is in debt?
[Luke 12:58-59](#) *(Jesus said) "As you go with your accuser before the magistrate (judge), make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."*
 - What do you think Jesus meant when he told the Pharisees "unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."?
 - What must we do, so we do not die in our sins?
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Think about [John 8:21-23](#).

So he (Jesus) 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."

- Where was Jesus going, that these Jews could not go?
[John 13:3](#) *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,*
- What reason does Jesus give these Jews, why they could not come where he was going?
- What does it mean to be "of this world"?
[Ephesians 2:1-3](#) *As for you (Christians), you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.*
- What does it mean to be "NOT of this world"?
[1Corinthians 2:9-16](#) *But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" ... Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ... "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*