

“No Deposit; No Return”? No Way!!!! (John 8:12-30)

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INTRODUCTION

THE SETTING

THE FATHER ALSO TESTIFIES CONCERNING JESUS (8:12-20)

¹² So Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light for the world. The *one* following Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

¹³ So Pharisees told Him, “You testify about Yourself. Your testimony is not valid.”

¹⁴ In reply Jesus told them: “Even if I should testify about Myself, My testimony is valid, because I know from where I came and where I am going. But you• do not know from where I come and where I am going.

¹⁵ “You• judge according to the flesh; I am judging no one.

¹⁶ “But even if I judge, My judgment is valid, because I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me *agree*.

¹⁷ “Even in your• law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid.

¹⁸ “I am the *One* who testifies about Myself; the Father who sent Me also testifies about Me.”

¹⁹ So they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”

Jesus replied, “You• know neither Me nor My Father. If you• knew Me, you• would also have known My Father.”

²⁰ These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, while teaching in the temple *courtyard*. Yet no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

JESUS WILL RETURN TO THE FATHER (8:21-30)

²¹ So Jesus spoke to them again, “I am going away, and you• will seek Me, but you• will die in your• sin. Where I am going you• cannot come.”

²² So Judean *leaders* said, “He will not kill Himself, *will He?* For He says, ‘Where I am going you• cannot come.’”

²³ And He told them, “You• are from below, I am from above. You• are from this world, I am not from this world.

²⁴ “Therefore I told you• that you• will die in your• sins. For unless you• believe that I am, you• will die in your• sins.”

²⁵ So they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus told them, “What I am telling you• even *from* the beginning.

²⁶ “I have many *things* to say about you• and to judge, but the *One* who sent Me is true. The *things* I also have heard from Him— these *things* I say to the world.”

²⁷ They did not know that He was telling them *about* the Father.

²⁸ Thus Jesus said to them, “When you• lift up the Son of Man, then you• will know that I am, and that from Myself I do nothing. But as My Father taught Me, these *things* I speak.

²⁹ “And *He* who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, because I always do the *things* pleasing to Him.” ³⁰ While saying these *things*, many believed in Him.

CONCLUSION