

Study Guide for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Claims that will be validated. John 8:21-30

Introduction: Describe a time you sought to make a claim on an insurance policy. What was your experience? Was your claim quickly authorized or did you face difficulty?

I. Where is Jesus going? (John 8:21-24)

- A. What exactly does Jesus mean when he speaks of “going away”?
- B. How does Jesus use and qualify that term in the following passages?
  - 1) John 7:33-34:
  - 2) John 13:3, 33:
  - 3) John 14:28:
  - 4) John 16:5, 10:
- C. What warning does Jesus add after the statement of his departure?
- D. What suggested interpretation do the Jews give to Jesus’ statement?
- E. How does Jesus contrast himself to the Jews? What warning is repeated?
- F. What is the key to escaping the consequences Jesus warns of in these verses?

II. Who does Jesus claim to be? (John 8:25-26)

- A. “While the Jews fail to perceive the full implications of Jesus’ statement, they realize he is making an outrageous claim and explode with the question, “Who are you to be saying such things?” (Leon Morris, John pg. 448)
- B. How does Jesus respond to this question by the Jews?
- C. What are some of the claims recorded of Jesus earlier in this gospel? (see for example John 5: 19-23; 6:35-40; 7:37-38; 8:12)

III. What is Jesus’ relationship to the Father? (John 8:27-29)

- A. How does John characterize the Jews in vs. 27?
- B. How does Jesus describe his relationship with the Father?
- C. When will the reality of the relationship be clear to people? Why?

IV. How did some respond to these claims? (John 8:30)

- A. How do some respond to hearing this debate?
- B. Give an example of someone intellectually convinced but whose heart was not changed by the claims of Christ? What moved you from mere knowledge to belief?