*“Unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins”*

Two Reasons Why We Must Embrace Jesus as the *I AM* (John 8:21-30)

1. Faith in Jesus as the I AM is essential because *it alone delivers from the judgment for sin* (vv.21-24)
   1. Jesus exposes mankind’s dire condition (v.21-22)
      1. The pronouncement of certain judgment (v.21; cf. Jer. 31:29; Ezek. 3:20; 18:24; 33:8; John 3:18; 13:33, 36; 14:3-6)
      2. The arrogant self-confidence of man (v.22)
   2. Jesus explains mankind’s condition and His exclusive provision (vv.23-24)
      1. The reason for their misunderstanding and His words of condemnation (v.23)
         1. The nature of humanity as from the world
         2. The authority of Christ as from above
      2. The glorious exception to the pronounced judgment (v.24)
         1. The escape from judgment through faith in Jesus as the I AM (John 8:58; cf. Ex. 3:14; Isa. 41:4; 43:10, 25; 48:12)
         2. The certainty of judgment apart from this faith in Christ
2. Faith in Jesus as the I AM is essential because *it has been clearly revealed* (vv.25-30)
   1. His person must be accurately known through His self-revelation (vv.25-29)
      1. It was clearly declared through His ministry (vv.25-26; cf. 5:16-21, 23, 26, 28-29, 36-37).
      2. It has been supremely displayed through His cross (vv.27-29; Phil. 2:6-8)
   2. His person must be embraced with a true faith (v.30)