I don’t have any experience related to Java, but I personally think it all depends on the task your facing, your career focus/development, and if you want to expand your skillset or not. These two languages are alike in many ways like:

* Both run on JVM.
* They are both statically typed languages.
* Both languages are object oriented.
* They are both statically typed languages.

How are they different? Comparing both languages:

* Java is an object-oriented language and Scala is a mix between object oriented, function programming, and statistically typed language.
* Scala supports operator overloading, Java does not.
* Scala has lazy evaluation, java does not.
* Java might be easier to learn due to the syntax used by Scala. Many people are not familiar with its syntax; hence the learning curve might be steeper due to the complexity of the syntax.
* Java supports backward compatibility, Scala does not.
* Fewer Scala codes to run tasks in comparison to Java codes. Java requires much more lines to run tasks.

Scala seems to be more related to the following careers (Data Science related):

* Big Data Engineer.
* Data Science.
* Spark Engineer.
* Software development.

Java in the other hand is more related to the following career paths:

* Back-end development.
* Programmers.
* Systems architectures.
* Gaming.

Basically, it all depends on personal choice regarding career focus and specific tasks. There’s no better language between these two due to the fact that both have different usage and strengths.