

John 8: 42 - 47

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

1. Why do some not love Jesus? (vs. 42)
2. Who is God the Father of? (vs. 42)
3. Why is Jesus' language unclear to some? (vs. 43)
4. Why are some unable to hear what Jesus is saying? (vs. 44) What hearing is Jesus' referring to?
5. Do those who do not believe in Jesus acknowledge that they want to do the devil's will? What has happened to those who do not believe? (vs. 44)
6. Why do some reject that Jesus' words are the truth?
7. In verse 47 what happens to the one who belongs to God? Why do some not hear God?

John 8: 48 - 59

John 8:48 The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" John 8:49 "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. John 8:50 I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. John 8:51 I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, **he will never see death.**" John 8:52 At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. John 8:53 Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" John 8:54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, **whom you claim as your God**, is the one who glorifies me. John 8:55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be **a liar like you**, but I do know him and keep his word. John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of **seeing my day**; he saw it and was glad." John 8:57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "**before Abraham was born, I am!**" John 8:59 At this, **they picked up stones to stone him**, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

1. What does verse 48 show about the Jews knowledge of Jesus?
2. In verse 48, why is it that Jesus did not defend himself about being a Samaritan?
3. What does it mean in verse 51, when Jesus says that some will not see death?
4. In verse 52, what understanding did the Jews have when Jesus spoke of death?
5. What is Jesus saying in verse 54 about their belief in God?
6. In verse 55, why does Jesus say that these Jews are liars? What qualifies a person as a liar?
7. In verse 56, what was Jesus claiming?
8. In verse 57, what did the Jews think Jesus was talking about?
9. What did Jesus say in verse 58 that made the Jews want to kill Him?

(Read Exodus 3: 13-14 to help answer #9)

Ex 3:13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"
Ex 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I AM** has sent me to you.'"