

## **John 8:13**

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Think about [John 8:13-14](#).

*So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going."*

- What reason did the Pharisees give for why they did not believe Jesus?
  - What reason did Jesus give for why they should believe him?
  - What reason did Jesus give for why they did not believe him?  
[John 3:19-20](#) ... *"the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."*
  - Where did Jesus come from, and where was he going?  
[John 16:28](#) (Jesus said) *"I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."*
  - What difference does it make if Jesus came from God and returned to God?  
[Luke 9:35](#) *And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"*
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Think about [John 8:15](#).

*(Jesus said) You (Pharisees) judge according to the flesh; ...*

- How did the Pharisees judge (decide) what is right and wrong?
  - What do you think it means, to judge by the flesh?  
(The following passage happened to the prophet Samuel before he anointed David as king over Israel. Eliab was David's oldest brother.)  
[1Samuel 16:6-7](#). ... *he (Samuel) looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."*
  - If the Pharisees had judged Jesus by his words and deeds, what should they have decided?  
[John 8:46](#) *(Jesus said) Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?*
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Think about [John 8:15-18](#).

*(Jesus said) ... "I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ... I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."*

- What do you think, why did Jesus say "I judge no one"?  
[John 12:47](#) *(Jesus said) "I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."*
- If the Son of God judges (decrees) something to be true, why should we believe him?  
[John 5:30](#) *(Jesus said) "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."*
- What did Jesus and God his father judge (decree) to be true?  
[John 5:36-37](#) *"For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me."*

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(4)

Think about [John 8:19](#).

*They (the Pharisees) said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."*

- What two things did the Pharisees not know about Jesus' father?
  - If humans can not see God, how can we understand God?  
[John 14:7-10](#) *(Jesus said) "If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" ...*
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