(1) Think about John 8:25-26.

So they (the Jews) said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

- What did the Jews ask Jesus? Why do you think they asked him that?
- "Jesus, who are you?" Why is this question important? Matthew 16:13-17 Jesus ... asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."
- Why did the apostle John record some of the miracles that he saw Jesus do?

 John 20:30-31 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- The Jews asked Jesus "Who are you?" How did Jesus answer their question? (see John 8:25-26 quoted above)
- What had Jesus been telling the Jews from the beginning about who he is?
 Jesus said ...
 - John 4:34 "My food is to do the will of **him who sent me** ..."
 - <u>John 5:23</u> "Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him."
 - John 5:24 "Whoever hears my word and believes **him who sent me** has eternal life."
 - John 5:30 "I seek not my own will but the will of **him who sent me**."
 - John 5:37 "**The Father who sent me** has himself borne witness about me."
 - John 6:38 "I have come down from heaven ... to do the will of **him who sent me**."
 - John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless **the Father who sent me** draws him."
 - John 7:16 "My teaching is not mine, but **his who sent me**."
 - John 7:28 "**He who sent me** is true."
 - John 7:33 "I am going to him who sent me."
 - John 8:18 "The Father who sent me bears witness about me."
 - John 8:26 "he who sent me is true"
 - And there are more such words of Jesus!
- What does Jesus say about the one who sent him? What do you think Jesus meant? (see John 8:25-26 quoted above)
- What does Jesus say about his teachings? (see John 8:25-26 quoted above)