(1) Think about John 8:27-28.

They (the Jews) did not understand that he (Jesus) had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

- What did these Jews not understand about Jesus' teaching?
- How did Jesus help them understand?
- What did Jesus mean when he told the Jews that they would lift up the Son of Man?

 John 3:14-15 (Jesus said) "... as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."
- What happens as the result of Jesus being lifted up on a cross? (See John 8:27-28 quoted above.)
- When Jesus died on the cross, what did some people begin to recognize?

 Matthew 27:50-54 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"
- From where did Jesus NOT get his teachings? (See John 8:27-28 quoted above.)
- From where did Jesus get his teachings? (See John 8:27-28 quoted above.)

(2)

Think about John 8:29.

(Jesus said) ... "he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

- Who was with Jesus? Why did he not go away from Jesus?
- If we want to have the presence of God with us, what must we do?

 1John 3:22-24 whatever we (believers) ask we receive from him (God), because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him....
- Did God ever forsake Jesus?

 <u>Mark 15:34</u> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- Why did God forsake Jesus when he was crucified?

 2Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he (God) made him (Jesus) to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.