

John 8:40

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Think about [John 8:40-42](#).

(Jesus said) "... you (Jews) seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. ... You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "... We have one Father -- even God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me."

- What did Jesus say was the reason these Jews were searching for a way to murder him.
 - What do you think Jesus meant?
 - Who did these Jews claim their father was?
 - How did Jesus make it clear their claim was false?
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Think about [John 8:43](#) & [47](#)

(Jesus said) "Why do you (Jews) not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ... Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

- Why did these Jews not know the meaning of Jesus' sayings?
 - How can we know who is of God and who is not of God?
[1John 3:7-10](#) *Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he (Jesus) is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God ...*
 - Why can some people hear the sound of Jesus' words with the ears on the side of their head, but can not hear the meaning of Jesus' words with the ears of their heart?
[Matthew 13:14-15](#) *(Jesus said) Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'*
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(3)

Think about [John 8:44](#).

(Jesus said) "You (unbelieving Jews) are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

- What does Jesus say is true about the devil?
- What does Jesus say is true about these Jews?

(4)

Think about [John 8:45-46](#).

(Jesus said) ... "because I tell the truth, you (Jews) do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?"

- Why did these Jews not believe Jesus?
 - How would you answer Jesus' question?
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