

Hearing



**DOESN'T ALWAYS REFER TO
HEARING IN THE LITERAL SENSE. IT
OFTEN CARRIES WITH IT THE IDEA
OF UNDERSTANDING.**

Why Could They Not Understand Jesus in John 8?



- They were not OF GOD.
 - Jesus points this out 3 times, rather quickly.
 - ✦ “If God were your Father...” vs. 42
 - ✦ “Whoever is of God hears the words of God” vs. 47a
 - ✦ “The reason you do not hear them...not of God” vs. 47b
- Clearly, it was not a deficiency in God, nor a deficiency in the words of Christ, nor a deficiency in their intelligence!

If Understanding The Bible Alike Is Impossible, Why Did Jesus Pray This?



- “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent Me” – John 17:20-21



Baggage Item # 1

PLEASING MEN RATHER THAN GOD



Baggage Item # 2

MAN-MADE TRADITIONS
TRUMPING GOD'S WORD



Baggage Item #3

REBELLION