

Questions
JESUS
Asked



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NOTES



Have you considered the Questions of Jesus lately?

People of faith tend to focus on answers. After all, if our faith convictions don't provide solid answers to life's urgent questions, what good are these convictions and why are we wasting our time? So much is at stake in our personal lives, our communities and our world. We need answers for how to do life well and how to treat one another with respect and kindness, and how to prepare for the Kingdom.

The questions of Jesus may actually lead us to the information we seek. Sometimes candid, sometimes harsh, sometimes simple, sometimes obvious— the questions of Jesus are worth hearing. Sitting with the questions, without rushing to answer them, can be a helpful opportunity for insight into the lives God would have us live.

We have selected a list of questions Jesus asks in the gospels. This is not an exhaustive list of questions; they are questions asked in more than one gospel account. You will find an exception here or there which is intentional for our purposes as we prepare for our reflection on the passion and resurrection of Jesus.

Here are a couple of suggestions for how to use this guide. One option is to set aside a few minutes every day to simply read the entire list of questions. The force of the questions when heard together is powerful. Even without any answers, reading these questions every day brings clarity to the priorities of Jesus. You may also choose to focus on one question each day. Before opening the Bible to read the stories which record the questions, think about how you might answer the question yourself. Imagine Jesus is not asking the question of a Pharisee, or the crowds, or a leper, but Jesus is asking you and me, intimately and intentionally.

You may have other ways to integrate these questions into the rhythm of your day and week. Wonderful. Ask the Spirit to give you a heart for hearing and receiving these questions. Then, let's prepare for the Spirit to work within us, to shape us in ways helpful to God's agenda and to move us closer to God's heart, God's plan and God's love.



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Week1 DAY 1

What do you want me to do for you?
Matthew 20:32; Mark 10:36, 51; Luke 18:41

DAY 2

Why do you ask me about what is good?
Matthew 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19

DAY 3

Can wedding guests fast/mourn while the bridegroom is with them?
Mathew 9:15; Mark 2:19; Luke 5:34

DAY 4

O, faithless generation, how long will I endure you?
Matthew 17:17; Mark 9:19; Luke 9:41

DAY 5

If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you?
Matthew 5:46; Luke 6:32

DAY 6

Which is easier to say, “your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Rise, pick up your mat and walk?”
Matthew 9:5; Mark 2:9; Luke 5:23

DAY 7

What is your name?
Mark 5:9; Luke 8:30

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Week 2 DAY 1

Do you see this woman? *Luke 7:44*

Why do you trouble her? *Matthew 26:10; Mark 14:6*

DAY 2

Tell me was John's Baptism of heavenly or human origin?

Mark 11:40; Luke 20:4

DAY 3

Can any of you by worrying, add a single moment to your life?

Matthew 6:27; Luke 12:26

DAY 4

Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil? To save life rather than destroy? *Mark 3:4; Luke 6:9*

DAY 5

What is the kingdom of God like? With what shall I compare it?

Mark 4:30; Luke 13:18

What is the reign of God like? *Mark 4:30; Luke 13:18*

DAY 6

Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?

Luke 12:57

DAY 7

What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his/her life? *Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36; Luke 9:25*

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Week 3 DAY 1

If God so clothes the grass in the field... will God not much more provide for you? *Matthew 6:30; Luke 12:28*

DAY 2

What father would hand his son a stone/snake when he asks for bread? *Matthew 7:9; Luke 11:11*

DAY 3

Why are you terrified?
Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:40

DAY 4

To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? *Matthew 11:16; Luke 7:31*

DAY 5

Do you not believe?
John 5:44, 11:40, 14:10, 16:31, 8:46

DAY 6

Show me a denarius; whose image and name does it bear?
Mark 12:16; Luke 20:24

DAY 7

“Where is your faith? *Luke 8:25*
O you of little faith, why do you doubt? *Matthew 14:31*
Do you not yet have faith? *Mark 4:40*

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Week 4 DAY 1

Why are you testing me?
Matthew 22:18; Mark 12:15

DAY 2
Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?
Matthew 20:22; Mark 10:38

DAY 3
Are your hearts hardened?
Mark 8:17

DAY 4
Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?
Matthew 26:45; Mark 14:41

DAY 5
Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Matthew 26:55; Mark 14:48; Luke 22:52

DAY 6
Why do you not know how to interpret present time?
Luke 12:56

DAY 7
Who do people say that I am? But who do you say I am?
Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:18

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Week 5 DAY 1

I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe me?

John 11:26

DAY 2

“Why do you notice the splinter in your neighbor’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye? *Matthew 7:3-4; Luke 6:41, 42*

DAY 3

What are you arguing about? *Mark 9:16, 9:33*

DAY 4

Why do you call me Lord, Lord but do not do what I command?

Luke 6:46

DAY 5

Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? *Matthew 26:55; Mark 14:48; Luke 22:52*

DAY 6

Do you understand what I have done for you? *John 13:12*
Could you not keep watch with me for one hour? *Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:37*

DAY 7

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

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John 11:26

DAY 2

“Why do you notice the splinter in your neighbor’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye? *Matthew 7:3-4; Luke 6:41, 42*

DAY 3

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Mark 9:16, 9:33

DAY 4

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John 5:1-16 NIV

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish

festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda^[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ^{[4][b]} ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

“Christians are made, not born.” Tertullian



Sermon Notes

3-23-14

THE QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Socratic Method: asks probing questions in an effort to expose the underlying values and beliefs which frame and support the thoughts and behaviors of the student

Beyond **Information** to **Ideals** and **Values**

Q1: What would **YOU like to change about you?**

(Appearance, success, popularity, relationship...)

Q2: What would **GOD like to change about you?**

(Anger, insecurity, self-promotion, addiction to consumption, fear, greed,)

ADMIT your sick (“Delay is the deadliest form of denial”)

“I protect myself by refusing to know myself.” Floriano Martins

BELIEVE it is possible (blessed life must be earned)

“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Mk 9:23

Worst thing: Not to reject the Kingdom, but to leave it untried.

CHANGE your direction

“Most people see themselves a certain way their entire lives. When they go through a massive change, such as losing weight, they have to learn to see themselves in a new way. It is one of the biggest struggles in life.” Jennifer Hudson



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