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Questions Jesus Asked



Jesus Asked...

- Jesus asked over 300 questions that are recorded in his ministry.
- He used questions to masterfully teach, convict, and silence his critics and accusers.
- Today we can use his questions to engage our minds in his teaching and become more active listeners.
- Maybe we should start with:
 - Why are you sleeping? (Luke 22:46)

This lesson is designed to challenge us to become more involved in the teachings of Jesus.

I thought about this as a result of sermon at Santee CofC.

Are you awake, alert, and engaged – or distracted, disinterested, & mentally asleep?

His Popular Questions

Who do people say the Son of Man is? (Matt. 16:13)

"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord', and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6:46)

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Luke 12:25)

"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"
(Matt. 7:3)

These are all important questions in the teachings of Jesus.

But there are many others.

We'll look at a few that are less popular but just as important.

How can learn from His questions?

- First, let's consider how YOU would answer a question if He asked YOU.
- Next, we'll look at the question in it's original context.
- Finally, we'll make application for today.



This could be a study method for anyone!

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- **CONTEXT:** Matt. 11:1-19
 - Setting: Galilee. Jesus begins his ministry after sending out his apostles. Miracles and teaching.
 - Players: Disciples of John the baptist & the crowd.
 - Message: Jesus confirms John the baptist as more than a great prophet... His messenger. He questions the attitude of the people and how they are receiving John's and His message. “Whoever has ears, let them hear.” (v. 15)

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- Message for Today:
 - Are we caught up in our generational mindset?
 - Do you identify as a baby-boomer or GenX?
 - Are we spiritual snobs?
 - Have we turned off listening to those who need Christ?
 - Have we condemned this generation without presenting the gospel?
 - How are our spiritual ears tuned?
 - Tuned in to the message or turned off by the world?
 - Do we sincerely desire the wisdom the Bible can give?

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- **CONTEXT:** Matt. 20:29-34
 - Setting: City of Jericho, Jesus & disciples leaving. Jesus has predicted his arrest and execution.
 - Players: Jesus, His disciples, large crowd, two blind men
 - Message: Jesus has compassion on these two men, who call out to Him with respect asking for mercy. He heals them, giving them sight. The two healed men follow Jesus.

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- Message for Today:
 - Can you imagine Jesus asking you this question?!
 - What would you ask of God if he gave you a blank check?
 - Do we follow the encouragement of Phil. 4:6 or 1 Pet. 5:7?
 - Was their attitude something we should have?
 - Should our requests be prefaced with “have mercy on me”?
 - Should we have their persistence in our petitions?
 - When God blesses us with answered prayers do we:
 - Continue to follow Him or go back to our own ways?
 - Give Him the praise and glory he deserves.

Phil. 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

1 Pet. 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

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- **CONTEXT:** John 14:5-10
 - Setting: Jesus has raised Lazarus. Jews plot to kill Him. In Jerusalem He is received as King of Israel. He foretells his betrayal & death, and comforts his disciples.
 - Players: Jesus & the twelve. Philip addressed.
 - Message: Jesus and the Father are ONE. Philip, why don’t you know me by now?

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- Message for Today:
 - How well do we know the Lord Jesus the Christ?
 - Have we studied his life and teaching in an intimate way?
 - Do we continue to be amazed by his life and teachings?
 - Do we seek to know Jesus so that we can better understand God?
 - As mature Christians are we GROWING into Christ?
 - As described in Ephesians 4:15
 - Does your walk with Jesus bring about...
 - Less worry, sorrow, distress, uncertainty, and weakness?
 - More confidence, strength, resolve, boldness, faith, and LOVE?

Ephesians 4:15

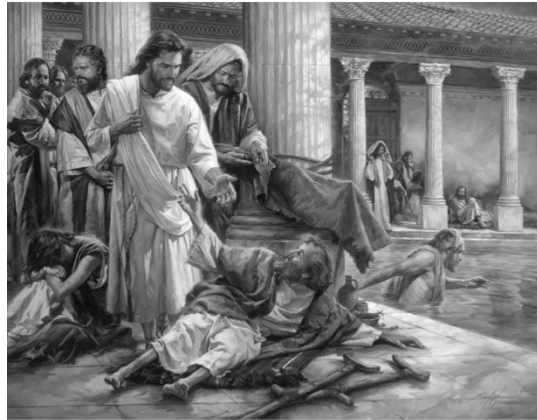
Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Study the gospels – start with John.

Read about the life of Jesus. Allow him to become alive in your life!

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- **CONTEXT:** John 5:1-15
 - Setting: Jerusalem, during a Jewish festival. Pool of Bethesda.
 - Players: Jesus, an invalid man, others, Jewish leaders.
 - Message: Jesus has the power to heal with or without faith. Healing is more important than ceremonial law. Jesus tells the man to sin no more to avoid a worse fate.

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- Message for Today:
 - Consider the invalid’s excuses:
 - I’ve been an invalid for 38 years
 - I have no one to help me
 - I’m not able
 - Do we give excuses for our sin?
 - Habitual sin, isolation, lack of faith.
 - Do we engage in religious observance but ignore sin?
 - What could be worse than this man’s condition?
 - Can this happen to us?

Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Invitation Question



How are you
to avoid being
sentenced to
hell?

(Matt 23:33)

Jesus condemns the Scribes and Pharisees with this scathing question.

Jesus said he would send them teachers and they would kill them.

How do you receive the messages of Jesus. Do we criticize and condemn those to bring His message?

Are we embracing those who teach and encourage purity, faithfulness, and salvation?

