

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Introduction

- 1) A “**question**” is a sentence worded or expressed so as to elicit information (Oxford dictionary)
- 2) The Bible records many questions (estimates usually number over 3000)
 - a) Ironic since the Bible is the source many go to for answers
- 3) The Bible records questions asked by God (Gen. 3:9; Job 38-39)
 - a) God does not ask because He does not know, but to make man think and consider his ways
- 4) Jesus asked many questions – 307 are recorded in the gospels
 - a) Questions of rebuke (Matt. 15:3), testing (Jn. 6:5), thought (Lk. 10:36), frustration (Matt. 17:17)
- 5) Consider some vital questions of Jesus we still need to hear, consider, and answer today!

I) **“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?” (Matthew 16:15)**

- A) Asked of His disciples after they answer His question, “Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?” (vv. 13-14)
- B) Though we may know what others say about Jesus and His teachings, we must give an answer for ourselves as to *what we believe*
- C) Our salvation is based on whether we believe in Jesus as the Son of God (Jn. 8:24)
 - 1) More than just a good man, influential teacher, or respected rabbi
 - 2) Revealed by the Father as the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 3:17; Jn. 5:36)

II) **“WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW?” (Luke 10:26)**

- A) Asked of a lawyer who asked Jesus, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (v. 25)
- B) Jesus regarded the law of Moses as unbreakable – the inspired word of God (Jn. 10:35)
- C) The law/covenant of God is the source of divine revelation on every religious subject
- D) We need to appeal to the authority of God’s word today (1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 3:16)

III) **“DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?” (John 11:26)**

- A) Asked of Martha after declaring Himself the “resurrection and the life” (vv. 20-26)
- B) It is not enough to intellectually know the truth, it must be believed – all of it!
 - 1) Many know the truth of Jesus, but do not believe it or accept it
- C) When you hear the word of the Lord on any subject, “do you believe this?”

IV) **“WHY ARE YOU FEARFUL?” (Matthew 8:26)**

- A) Asked of the disciples after He calmed the storm that frightened them (vv. 23-27)
- B) Similar to what He later said to Peter, “Why did you doubt?” (14:29-31)
- C) Fear and intimidation is a powerful tool of Satan to destroy our faith and hope
 - 1) Fear and unbelief go together, but loving and trusting God casts out fear (1 Jn. 4:17-18)

V) **“BUT WHY DO YOU CALL ME ‘LORD, LORD,’ AND DO NOT DO THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?” (Luke 6:46)**

- A) Asked of those who followed and listened to Jesus (vv. 17-20)
- B) It is not enough just to hear, but we must do the will of God (Matt. 7:21; Jas. 1:22)

Conclusion

Jesus asked a sick man, **“DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL?” (John 5:6)**. Jesus knows what we need, but do we know it? We must recognize our true needs and come to Jesus as the Great Physician who can heal our souls and prepare us for eternal life (Jer. 17:14).