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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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TEN QUESTIONS

JESUS ASKED

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Whenever you sit down to read from the pages of the Bible, the word of God, you'll likely encounter many questions. Some of these will be questions you come up with on your own. Others will be questions asked by various human speakers or authors. However, some of the most interesting and thought provoking questions have come to us from the Lord Himself. So, in this short lesson, I'm going to discuss ten questions Jesus asked while on earth and how they apply to us today.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

During the time that Jesus walked on earth many were confused as to His identity. Opinions of men varied widely. Some said He was Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. However, Jesus got down to the nitty gritty when He asked His apostles, *“But whom say ye that I am?”* Peter answered correctly when he said, *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Mt. 16:13-16). Do you believe in who the Scriptures say Jesus is (Jn. 6:14; 7:12; 8:24)?

DO YOU BELIEVE? The death of Jesus' dear friend Lazarus prompted Him to ask

this question to his sister Martha (Jn. 11:26). Many people, even some Christians, are plagued by unbelief (Heb. 3:12; Lk. 18:8). However, this must be overcome to receive our heavenly reward (Heb. 11:6).

WHAT IS A MAN

PROFITED? One of the biggest obstacles for some people in obeying the gospel is the desire for earthly wealth. Knowing this led Jesus to ask, *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Mt. 16:26). By the way, where is your treasure located (Mt. 6:19-21)?

HAVE YE NOT READ?

When questioned about marriage and divorce, Jesus simply responded with this question (Mt. 19:4). In other words, if they had been reading their Bibles they would have known the answer. We can easily see that daily Scripture reading and meditation is an integral part of living the Christian life (Acts 17:11; 1 Tim. 4:13; Rev. 1:3; Is. 34:16).

JOHN'S BAPTISM, WHENCE WAS IT? One one occasion, the opponents of Jesus angrily confronted Him over the source of His authority. The Lord calmly responded with a simple

question regarding the baptism of John. From whence was it — from heaven or of men (Mt. 21:23-27)? After some consideration, the Pharisees decided it was not worth risking a response lest their hypocrisy be exposed. By the way, where does your church get its religious authority from?

WILL YOU ALSO GO AWAY? After accumulating an enormous number of followers Jesus decided to thin the ranks a bit. This He did simply by cutting off the supply chain of free food. The sudden en masse departure of so many disciples at one time caused the Lord to ask His own apostles if they too would go away. Peter responded, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life”* (Jn. 6:68). If you've ever thought about leaving the Lord, don't!

WHY DID YOU DOUBT? This question was asked by the Lord to the apostle Peter after he attempted to walk toward Him on the water, but began abruptly to sink (Mt. 14:25-31). The reason for his sinking was fear and lack of faith. These can cause even a good man like Peter to waver as James talked about when he said one time, *“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways”* (Jas. 1:8).

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?

An even earlier situation occurred on the sea when Jesus and His disciples were together in a boat. A violent storm arose while Jesus was sleeping causing the disciples to panic. They awakened Jesus and the question He immediately asked them was, *“Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?”* (Mt. 8:26). This was followed by a great calm. When the storms of life arise in our world the faith we possess in God will likewise have a great calming effect. Are your faith and fear under control (Heb. 13:5-6; Prov. 29:25)?

DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED? This was the question Jesus asked a man who had lived as a cripple for 38 years. We are introduced to the man as he lay agonizingly close to the very waters which could have brought an end to his suffering (Jn. 5:6). The Pool of Bethesda, as it was called, in the city of Jerusalem was the location where an angel occasionally stirred the waters offering relief to the first person that managed to reach them. Since this man’s condition had left him immobile, it seemed his case was hopeless. However, with the help of Jesus he was

instantly cured and was told to take up his bed and walk (Jn. 5:8). With a desire to be healed, Jesus can cure all of our soul’s diseases.

DO YOU LOVE ME? This question was asked to Peter three times in a row and each time the answer he responded with was *“Yes, Lord”* (Jn. 21:15-17). Perhaps the reason He asked three times was because Peter had denied Him three times. In any case, the biggest responsibility anyone has is to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind (Mt. 22:37-38). You know, most people claim to love the Lord, but how do we know for sure? Jesus said, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (Jn. 14:15). John echoed that sentiment when he stated, *“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments”* (1 Jn. 2:3). In Christianity, the proof is in the doing (Mt. 7:21).

- 450 total membership
 - 30 “too old to work”
 - 420 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 45 too young to assume responsibility
 - 375 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 30 work out of town or are away at school
 - 345 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 60 work long hours, 6 or 7 days a week
 - 285 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 30 tied down with small children
 - 255 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 51 handicapped by aches and pains
 - 204 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 48 hindered by unbelieving companions
 - 156 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 88 are indifferent — do not attend
 - 68 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 48 attend but refuse to work
 - 20 left to do the work...BUT,
 - 18 are tired and ask to be relieved
 - 2 left to do the work...BUT,
 - I am too busy with other things, so:
 - YOU DO THE WORK!**
- The question we are now faced with is:
WHO IS YOU?

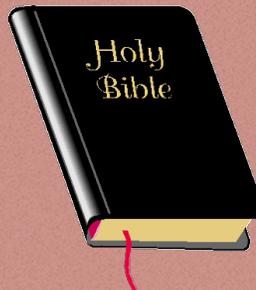
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