

Every Quest Begins with A Question

Read the question aloud, and imagine Jesus sitting in the room with you, waiting patiently for your response. Notice your initial reaction to the question. Consider the desire behind this reaction. Was it shaped by the desire to be seen by others or for the one who rewards what is done in secret? Confess this desire to God in prayer.

Repeat the question to yourself out loud, and continue to imagine Jesus sitting with you, listening with undivided attention and unconditional love. Wait quietly until you feel ready to respond. Rather than trusting in the power of your words, offer your response silently in prayer. How do you imagine Jesus receiving this prayer? What else is he hearing from you?

Review your life in light of this conversation. Consider how it connects to a current situation and notice where you feel the need for change. Reflect on one thing that God may be asking you to do in this situation. What do you need most from God in order to do this? Rest in the assurance that he already knows what you need, and offer your trust in silence.

"If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?" (Mt. 5:46)

"Why do you worry about clothes?" (Mt. 6:28)

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" (Mt. 7:3)

"Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?" (Mt. 9:4)

"Do you believe that I am able to do this?" (Mt. 9:28)

"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" (Mt. 12:48)

"Why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?" (Mt. 15:3)

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

"But what about you? Who do you say I am?" (Mt. 16:15)

"Why do you ask me about what is good?" (Mt. 19:17)

"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?" (Mk. 4:30)

"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mk. 4:40)

"Why all this commotion and wailing?" (Mk. 5:39)

"Why does this generation ask for a sign?" (Mk. 8:12)

"Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?" (Mk. 8:17)

"Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?" (Mk. 8:18)

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? What can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (Mk. 8:36-37)

"What are you arguing with them about?" (Mk. 9:16)

"What do you want me to do for you?" (Mk. 10:51)

"Why are you trying to trap me?" (Mk. 12:15)

"Why were you searching for me?" (Lk. 2:49)

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Lk. 6:46)

"What did you go out to see?" (Lk. 7:26)

"Where is your faith?" (Lk. 8:25)

"To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?" (Lk. 7:31)

"What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" (Lk. 10:26)

"Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?" (Lk. 12:57)

"Who will trust you with true riches?" (Lk. 16:11)

"What is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?" (Lk. 20:17)

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?" (Lk. 24:38)

"Will you give me a drink?" (Jn. 4:7)

"Do you want to get well?" (Jn. 5:6)

"Does this (my teaching) offend you?" (Jn. 6:61)

"Where are they? Has no one condemned you?" (Jn. 8:10)

"Why is my language not clear to you?" (Jn. 8:43)

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" (Jn. 9:35)

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" (Jn. 13:12)

"Will you really lay down your life for me?" (Jn. 13:38)

"Is that your own idea or did others talk to you about me?" (Jn. 18:34)

"Do you love me?" (Jn. 21:16)