

A Selection of Questions Raised in the Bible

Some of Jesus' Questions

- “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?” (Matt. 5:13)
- “Why are you afraid...?” (Matt. 8:18)
- “Which of you by being anxious about your life can add one cubit to his span of life?” (Matt. 6: 27)
- “For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?” (Lk. 9:25)
- “Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?” (Matt. 7:3)
- “Which is easier, to say the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? (Mk. 2:9)
- “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” (Matt. 12:9)
- “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?” (Lk: 6:32)
- “Who are my mother and my brothers?” (Mk: 3:33)
- “Who do people say that I am?” (Lk. 9:18)
- “Why do you call me good?” (Lk. 18:19)
- “What person among you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?” (Lk 15:4)
- “Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” (Lk: 10:36)
- “Who among you, if his child asks him for bread will give him a stone?” (Matt. 7:11)
- “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mk. 10:51)
- “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.” (Matt.26:10)
- “Why do you sleep?” (Lk: 22:46)
- “Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?” (Lk:22:48)
- “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mk 15:33)

Other Questions Asked by Jesus

- “Can’t you stay awake for an hour with me?” [Jesus to disciples in the garden on Maundy Thursday in Mt 26.40]
- “Do you also wish to go away?” [Jesus to the disciples in Jn 6.66]
- “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?” [Jesus to James and John who are looking for some power in Mk 10.38]

Some Questions Asked of Jesus

- “Surely not I, Lord?” [various disciples to Jesus at the Last Supper -- feeling vaguely disloyal already? -- Mt 26.22; Mark 13.19; implied in Lk 22.23]
- “Which commandment is the first of all?” [scribe asking Jesus in Mk 12.28; a lawyer to Jesus in Mt 22.36]
- “And who is my neighbor?” [Luke 10:29]

Some of the Questions Asked in Hebrew Scripture – of God and by God

- “Who are you?” [the crux of Moses’ question to God about the divine name in Ex 3.13]
- “Where are you?” [God to the 1st pair in Eden in Gen 3.9]
- “Is the Lord among us or not?” [newly minted People of God in Ex 17.7]
- “My people, what have I done to you?” [God to the People of God in Mic 6.3]
- “What we are to do?” [Manoah to the messenger of God/God in Jdg 13.8]
- “What does this mean?” [Moses instructing the people on celebrating the memorial of their liberation and foundation as the People of God in Ex 13.14]
- “Who am I?” [Moses to God in Exodus 3.11]
- “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” [Psalm 8.4]
- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” [Psalm 22.1]
- “Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” [Psalm 10.1] also Psalm 44.24 and others
- “And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?” [Psalm 39.7]
- “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” [Micah 6.8]