

If You Could Ask Jesus a Question, What Would it Be?

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I thought this might be a good way to get a conversation about Jesus started, I also think it might be a good exercise for me to consider what I would ask Jesus if I could ask Him a question. It might be helpful to review some of the questions that people did ask Jesus when He was on Earth.

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" Matthew 21:23

This is a question that comes from those who resented Jesus being around. Of course, this question is a "no-brainer" for anyone who reads the scriptures. The God who created this universe is the one who gave Jesus authority to do the things He does.

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" John 16:19

This is a question from those who wanted to follow Jesus but who could not really understand where He was going. Again, we have a ready answer for this one. Jesus was talking about His resurrection. He would be taken from them by death, but He would be given back to them by the Spirit.

When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" Luke 7:20

This is a question that we might ask when things do not go the way we want them to. Like John the Baptist we sometimes find ourselves taking a deep breath and looking hard into our hearts to see if this Jesus is really the one for us. Hopefully the ready answer is, "Yes, where else can we go? Jesus has the words of life."

Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" Matthew 9:16

Now this is the one that everybody should be asking. Aren't you glad that the Bible answers this question? Once Jesus had given His life as a sacrifice for our sins, once Jesus had been buried and once He had risen from the dead and been seen by those who had so many questions before, there was only one question. And even though Jesus authorizes many people to answer it, the answer must come from His word, and the answer must always be the same. When those Jews in Jerusalem asked Peter, they knew that the answer he gave was coming from Jesus. It went like this:

"Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". Acts 2:36-38



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: Altogether Now

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm March 29, on Zoom, Arthur is teaching from 2 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – April 16.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, March 28. Women of the Genesis, Chapter 11, Tamar.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – April 30 at Ithaca.
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast- May 13**, here at Valley Cities.



Ladies' Prayer Brunch and Devotional-God's Peace and Hope took place yesterday. Everything went smoothly and looked lovely due to Amy's skill with crafts. We were encouraged by the participation of ladies from Wellsboro, PA, Endwell, Ithaca and Horseheads, NY, and our own ladies from Sayre. Molly Rivera led singing and Amy gave an inspirational presentation before we divided up into prayer groups. Thanks to Arthur and Steve for helping with shopping, carrying and coffee-making!



MAGI boxes –

Please check white boards in collection room to see what is needed. Cash donations are always appreciated as well.



Potluck Dinner- TODAY! Please stay with us following worship to enjoy yesterday's leftovers and other delicious food, as well as fellowship with the brethren.

PRAYERS

- **We are thankful for the time of fellowship during the Ladies' Prayer Brunch, and we pray that it will lead to a closer relationship with the areawide sisters and lead those ladies who do not worship as we do to want to know more about us.**
- **Paul and Dawn Cowles and, also Sue and Bill Davis** from the Horseheads church all had covid last week.
- **Pray for Molly and Pancho Rivera and family to secure a place to live soon.**
- **Bonnie Davis' brother Gregg** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is deciding how to proceed with treatment.

Pray for these people:

- **Pat Guthrie**, lung cancer, chemo tolerance
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. Pray for strength for his wife Carrie.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer
- **Jay Sanabria**- recovering from burst appendix infection and surgeries.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **Ukraine.**
- **Arthur**- congestive heart failure, diabetes
- **Miki's friend Monique**-pain meds correct dosage and administration.
- **Miki's friend Carol Lou**- has been transferred to rehab at St. Josephs in Elmira. Pray for her as she has a slow recovery from the stroke she suffered.
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and a ride to worship. Pray that he may be encouraged.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.