

The Critical Questions That Shape Our Souls

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What is the **most significant question** you're dealing with right now?

In order to answer that question, what **others need to be addressed?**

**Kids up to the age
of 4 years old ask
between 300-400
questions per day**

**And He said, “Truly I tell you
unless you change and
become like a little child,
you will never enter the
Kingdom of
Heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)**

**Jesus asked or
answered around
183 questions in
His ministry**

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PUCKER UP!!!

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NAME	PTS	REB	AST	TOV	SCORE	NAME	PTS	REB	AST	TOV
1 HAMILTON	9	1	2	0	69	1 WATSON	18	8	2	2
3 LARSON	15	7	2	2	89	1 JOHNSON	20	2	1	2
31 CHANDLER	22	1	5	2	3	13 LOPREZ	18	0	8	1
34 MILLER	0	1	1	2	2 (3)	16 PEARCE	6	0	0	0
44 MCQUE	7	6	1	4	3 (3)	18 WALLACE	4	4	2	0



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- Rest

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Get away with me and you'll **recover your life. I'll show you how to **take a real rest**.**

(Matthew 11:28-29, The Message)

**The Curious Case of
James, John,
and Bartimaeus**





“For the Son of Man did not come to **be served, but **to serve and to give his life** as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:45)**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

(Mark 10:35)

**“What do you want me
to do for you?” he
asked.**

(Mark 10:36)

They replied, “Let one of us sit **at your right** and the other **at your left** in your glory.” (Mark 10:37)

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said.

“Can you **drink the cup I drink or **be baptized** with the baptism I am baptized with?” (Mark 10:38)**

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***“Christians are new
creations, with new
capacities.***

***We can now **interact**
with the Ruler of the
Universe.”***

(James Bryan Smith)



**As Jesus and his disciples,
together with a large crowd,
were leaving the city, a blind
man, Bartimaeus (which
means “son of Timaeus”), was
sitting by the roadside
begging. (Mark 10:46)**

**When he heard that it was
Jesus of Nazareth, he
began to shout, “Jesus,
Son of David, **have mercy
on me!**” (Mark 10:47)**

Jesus stopped and said, **“Call him.”** So they called to the blind man, **“Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”** **Throwing his cloak aside,** he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. (Mark 10:49-50)



**“What do you want me
to do for you?” Jesus
asked him. (Mark 10:51)**

“Go,” said Jesus, **“your faith has healed you.”**

**Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.
(Mark 10:52)**

***What do you want
me to do for you?***

A Question of **Identity**

Who do **people say that
the Son of Man is?
(Matthew 16:13, NRSV)**

**And they said, “Some say
John the Baptist, but others
Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.” (Matt. 16:14, NRSV)**

Who do **people say that
the Son of Man is?
(Matthew 16:13, NRSV)**

**And a voice from heaven
said, “This is my Son, **the
Beloved**, with whom I am
well pleased.” (Matt 3:17)**

**Spiritual formation is living deeply
in the Kingdom of God as an
apprentice of Jesus.**

**“But what about you,
Who do **you say** that I
am?” (Matt. 16:15)**

**Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living
God.” (Matt. 16:16).**



What if we get our **identity** from the
one who gets to **name** us?

Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we
will be has not yet been
revealed. (1 John 3:2)

What is your name?

A Question of **Change**

**Every minute 40,000
skin cells die.**

They were talking with each other about **everything that had happened**. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were **kept from recognizing him**.
(Luke 24:14-16)

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “**Are you the only one** visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” (Luke 24:17-18)

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but **we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.” (Luke 24:19-21)**

He said to them, “How **foolish you are**, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” (Luke 24:25-26)

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us**, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their **eyes were opened** and they **recognized him**, and he **disappeared from their sight**. (Luke 24:28-31)**

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- What will **never be the same**? (Ascension)