

135 Questions Jesus Asked

According to Martin B. Copenhaver, author of the book “Jesus is the Question: The 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the 3 He answered,” Jesus asked a total of 307 questions in the gospels. He was asked 183 questions by others, and of those 183, He only answers 3 directly. The other 180, He answered with another question! I’ve not read the book but he’s wrong about Jesus only answering 3 directly. I already found 4 so I’m sure there are more, and he may even be wrong about the 307, but it’s very clear that questions were a major part of Jesus’ evangelism. The following list is just a sample of 135 questions He asked. The ones in bold are the ones I believe to be particularly practical in our conversations with people today.

1. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? (Matthew 5:46)
2. If you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? (Matthew 5:47)
3. Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Matthew 6:27)
4. Why do you worry about clothes? (Matthew 6:28)
5. 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? (Matthew 7:3)
6. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? (Matthew 7:16)
7. Why are you so afraid? (Matthew 8:26)
8. Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? (Matthew 9:4)
9. Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? (Matthew 9:5)
10. How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? (Matthew 9:15)
11. Do you believe that I am able to do this? (Matthew 9:28)
12. **What did you go out into the desert to see? (Matthew 11:7)**
13. To what can I compare this generation? (Matthew 11:16)
14. If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? (Matthew 12:11)
15. How can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? (Matthew 12:29)
16. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? (Matthew 12:34)
17. Who is my mother, and who are my brothers? (Matthew 12:48)
18. Why did you doubt? (Matthew 14:31)
19. Why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? (Matthew 15:3)
20. How many loaves do you have? (Matthew 15:34)
21. Do you still not understand? (Matthew 16:9)
22. **Who do people say the Son of Man is? (Matthew 16:13)**
23. **Who do you say I am? (Matthew 16:15)**
24. **What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:26)**
25. How long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? (Matthew 17:17)
26. From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own sons or from others? (Matthew 17:25)
27. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? (Matthew 18:12)
28. Why do you ask me about what is good? (Matthew 19:17)
29. **What is it you want? (Matthew 20:21)**
30. Can you drink the cup I am going to drink? (Matthew 20:22)
31. **What do you want me to do for you? (Matthew 20:32)**
32. **John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men? (Matthew 21:25)**
33. **What do you think? (Matthew 21:28)**
34. Have you never read in the Scriptures? (Matthew 21:42)
35. Why are you trying to trap me? (Matthew 22:18)
36. **What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he? (Matthew 22:42)**
37. Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? (Matthew 23:17-19)
38. **How will you escape being condemned to hell? (Matthew 23:33)**
39. Why are you bothering this woman? (Matthew 26:10)
40. Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? (Matthew 26:40)
41. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53)
42. But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way? (Matthew 26:54)

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43. **Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? (Matthew 26:55)**
44. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46)
45. Why are you thinking these things? (Mark 2:8)
46. Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? (Mark 4:21)
47. What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? (Mark 4:30)
48. Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith? (Mark 4:40)
49. What is your name? (Mark 5:9)
50. Who touched my clothes? (Mark 5:30)
51. Why all this commotion and wailing? (Mark 5:39)
52. Are you so dull? (Mark 7:18)
53. Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? (Mark 7:18)
54. Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it. (Mark 8:12)
55. Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? (Mark 8:17-18)
56. When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up? (Mark 8:19)
57. When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up? (Mark 8:20)
58. Do you still not understand? (Mark 8:21)
59. [To the blind man] Do you see anything? (Mark 8:23)
60. **Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? (Mark 9:12)**
61. What were you arguing about on the road? (Mark 9:33)
62. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? (Mark 9:50)
63. What did Moses command you? (Mark 10:3)
64. Why do you call me good? (Mark 10:18)
65. What do you want me to do for you? (Mark 10:51)
66. Why are you trying to trap me? (Mark 12:15)
67. Do you see all these great buildings? (Mark 13:2)
68. Are you asleep? (Mark 14:37)
69. Could you not keep watch for one hour? (Mark 14:37)
70. Why were you searching for me? (Luke 2:49)
71. Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house? (Luke 2:49)
72. Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? (Luke 5:22)
73. Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? (Luke 5:23)
74. **Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? (Luke 6:46)**
75. Where is your faith? (Luke 8:25)
76. What is your name? (Luke 8:30)
77. Who touched me? (Luke 8:45)
78. Will you be lifted up to the skies? (Luke 10:15)
79. What is written in the Law? How do you read it? (Luke 10:26)
80. Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? (Luke 10:36)
81. Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? (Luke 11:40)
82. Who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you? (Luke 12:14-15)
83. **Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Luke 12:25)**
84. **Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? (Luke 12:57)**
85. Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? (Luke 14:31)
86. **Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? (Luke 14:34)**
87. Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? (Luke 15:4)
88. Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? (Luke 15:8)
89. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? (Luke 16:11)
90. Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? (Luke 17:17)

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91. **And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? (Luke 18:7)**
92. **However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)**
93. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? (Luke 22:27)
94. Why are you sleeping? (Luke 22:46)
95. For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry? (Luke 23:31)
96. What are you discussing together as you walk along? (Luke 24:17)
97. What things? (Luke 24:19)
98. Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? (Luke 24:26)
99. Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? (Luke 24:38)
100. Do you have anything here to eat? (Luke 24:41)
101. What do you want? (John 1:38)
102. Why do you involve me? (John 2:4)
103. You are Israel's teacher, and do you not understand these things? (John 3:10)
104. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? (John 3:12)
105. Will you give me a drink? (John 4:7)
106. Do you want to get well? (John 5:6)
107. How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? (John 5:44)
108. If you do not believe Moses' writings how will you believe me? (John 5:47)
109. Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat? (John 6:5)
110. **Does this offend you? (John 6:61)**
111. What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! (John 6:62)
112. **You do not want to leave too, do you? (John 6:67)**
113. Have I not chosen you? (John 6:70)
114. Has not Moses given you the law? (John 7:19)
115. Why are you trying to kill me? (John 7:19)
116. Why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? (John 7:23)
117. Where are they? Has no one condemned you? (John 8:10)
118. Why is my language not clear to you? (John 8:43)
119. Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? (John 8:46)
120. If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? (John 8:46)
121. Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? (John 10:36)
122. Are there not twelve hours of daylight? (John 11:9)
123. Do you believe this? (John 11:26)
124. Where have you laid him? (John 11:33)
125. **Do you understand what I have done for you? (John 13:12)**
126. Don't you know me, even after I have been among you such a long time? (John 14:9)
127. Who is it you want? (John 18:4,7)
128. Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me? (John 18:11)
129. Is that your own idea, or did others talk to you about me? (John 18:34)
130. Why question me? (John 18:21)
131. If I spoke the truth, why did you strike me? (John 18:23)
132. Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for? (John 20:15)
133. Friends, haven't you any fish? (John 21:5)
134. **Do you love me? (John 21:17)**
135. What is that to you? (John 21:22)

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