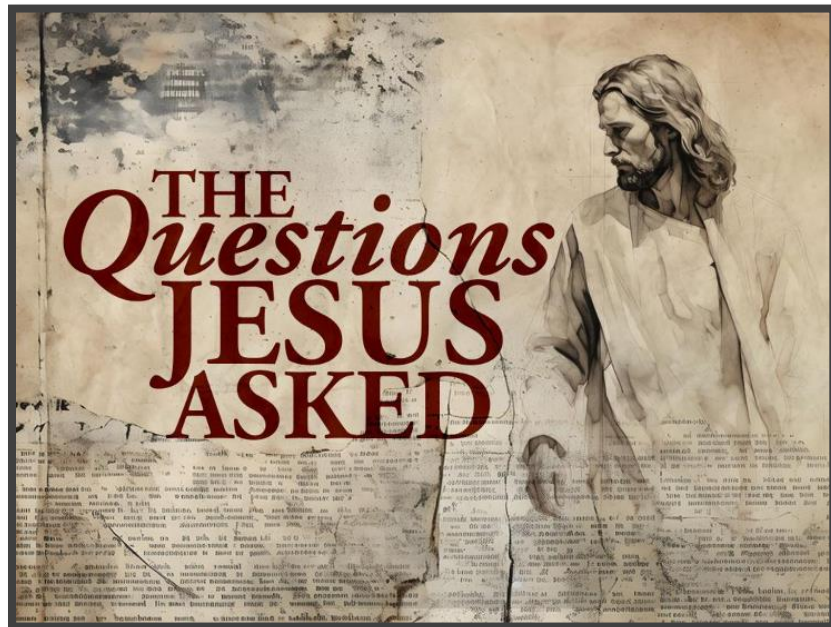




The Questions Jesus Asked

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* See Screens

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

WELCOME OF GUEST Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE Pastor

"If Jesus said, 'Follow Me' and you had to leave right now, what shoes are you grabbing—and why?"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Liturgist: Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Congregation: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

Liturgist: Jesus calls us not only to confess His name, but to follow in His way.

Congregation: We will follow Christ with our hearts and our lives.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the One who gave His life for us.

Congregation: Jesus Christ is Lord! Let us worship Him together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (vs. 1-4) UMH #327

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Liturgist

Liturgist:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Liturgist and Congregation:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 4:29-31 Liturgist

New King James Version

²⁹ But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice ³¹ (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You are my Savior and Lord. Help me to trust You, follow You, and love others like You do. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13–25 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over the cards.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Trust and Obey (v. 1-4)

UMH #467

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: The Questions Jesus Asked

Theme: Trusting God beyond doubt.

Question: “Who Do You Say That I Am??”

Main Idea: God wants our faith to move from believing in Jesus to actually trusting Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

The Questions Jesus Asked

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Matthew 16:13–25

Main Idea:

Faith is more than believing the right things about Jesus. It is **trusting and following Him with our lives**.

1. MORE THAN PUBLIC _____

“But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered:

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Consider: Is Jesus someone I admire—or the **Lord I follow**?

Notes:

2. THE WAY OF THE _____

Peter had the right answer about Jesus, but struggled with the way of the cross.

A cross-shaped Savior will challenge a comfort-shaped faith.

Consider: Where is Jesus asking me to trust Him even when it is difficult?

Notes:

3. FOLLOW HIM WITH OUR WHOLE _____

Jesus says: “Take up your cross, and follow Me.”

Following Jesus means allowing Him to shape our choices, priorities, relationships, forgiveness, and love.

Notes:

TAKE IT HOME

WHO DO I SAY JESUS IS?

ONE AREA I NEED TO TRUST JESUS WITH:

ONE STEP OF FAITH I CAN TAKE THIS WEEK:

SOMEONE I CAN LOVE, SERVE, OR ENCOURAGE:

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Before making a choice, ask:

“What would following Jesus look like right now?”

REMEMBER

We don't just say Jesus is Lord. We walk like we believe it.

PRAYER

Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Help me trust You, follow You, and live this week in a way that shows others who You are. **Amen.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, You have given Yourself completely to us through Jesus Christ. As we offer these gifts, teach us also to offer ourselves. Use our time, talents, resources, and lives to share Your love and build Your kingdom. May our giving be one more way we answer Jesus' call to follow Him. In Christ's name, Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *He Lives* (vs. 1-3) UMH #310

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION Pastor

Pastor: Jesus still asks us,

Congregation: “Who do you say that I am?”

Pastor: May we answer not only with our words, but with the way we live. Go from this place knowing that Jesus Christ is Lord. Trust Him when the road is uncertain. Follow Him when the way is costly. Love as He has loved you. Serve as He has served you. And wherever your feet take you this week, may your life proclaim:

Congregation: “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Pastor: Go in the grace of the Father, the love of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit...and all of God's children said...

All: Amen

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Freely, Freely* (vs.1-2) UMH #389

* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of those who are celebrating August birthdays
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