

Jesus Asks Difficult Questions – How Do You Answer Them?

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MESSAGE ONE; JESUS ASKS DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

Who do you say that I am?

*“(Jesus) was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But **who do you say that I am?**” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven... **Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.**” Matthew 16:13-20*

Who do you say Jesus is? Can you prove it?

Why do you call me Lord and not do what I tell (command) you to?

Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. “But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a

man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.” Luke 6:46-49

How do you answer this question? Examples or excuses?

Do you love Me?

*“This is now the **third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples**, after He was raised from the dead. So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.” John 21:14-17*

Are you “living proof” that you love Jesus?

Bonus Question: What is that to you?

“Peter seeing (John) said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?” John 21: 21-23

For Christ’s sake,

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