

(BIG) What do I do with my questions?

Week 1 of 4

JIM KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS / SO DID I / TIM'S WALKOUT
 Christians have long had a problem with people asking questions

- ▮ If there is any truth, **questions matter**.
- ▮ If I know the truth, no question is to be **feared**.
- ▮ If I don't know the truth, **all** questions must be considered.
- ▮ With my limited time, I must work on the **big** questions first.

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Matthew 11:1-15 (p. 676)

Mark 1:4-8 (p. 694)

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Mark 6:17-18

THE CHOSEN ONE ALWAYS BRINGS POLITICAL FREEDOM, MOSES, ETC
 GP: Many of you have been there / it's the general journey of the Christian life.
 It's in the place of disillusionment, where the questions start flowing.

1. ASK THE **Biggest Questions**.

John asked, "Are you the one..."

BIG QUESTIONS ARE AS MUCH A CHALLENGE TO ME AS I AM TO THEM.

"Or should we expect someone else" humility

2. CHECK YOUR **Motives**.

John's question was NOT selfish NOR attacking.

3. GO TO **Jesus**.

CONFLICT: GO TO THE SOURCE. / We'll address Jesus later, but today, why we start with him.

Jesus: "I **am** the Way" (John 14:6).Others: "I **know** the way."Jesus: "No one comes to God but through **me**" (John 14:6).Others: "No one comes to God but through **discipline**."Jesus: "Before Abraham was born, I **AM**" (John 8:58).

Others: ???

Jesus: "Destroy this temple. I'll **raise** it in three days" (John 2:19).

Others: ???

Jesus: "**Touch** my **scars**" (John 20:27).

Others: ???

4. PREPARE TO BE **Surprisingly** ENCOURAGED.

JESUS AVOIDS THE QUESTION... OR DOES HE?

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

Isaiah 61:1-2

What's surprising is that Jesus has left out the part that John wants the most.
 What's encouraging is that Jesus answers the biggest question by pointing to how he loves us all.

When you ask God the biggest questions, his answers almost never provide immediate satisfaction. They are unexpected, but in every answer lies a truth that when grasped will change your life forever for the better.