

Three Questions

You

Must Answer

Matthew 27:15-26

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15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you?

Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

Matthew 27:15-26 - continued

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

Matthew 27:15-26 - continued

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Introduction

A. We are asked questions everyday

B. Questions can have an embedded warning

“Are you sure you want to do this?”

“Are you sure this is the right way?”

C. Questions can reveal what we believe

Mark 8:27-29

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

A. A life of sin and rebellion toward God

1. A life out of control

Ephesians 2:1-3

2 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

A. A life of sin and rebellion toward God - continued

2. A life of no peace

Isaiah 48:22

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

3. A life of no lasting joy

Ecclesiastes 2:1

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

A. A life of sin and rebellion toward God - continued

4. A life of condemnation

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

A. A life of sin and rebellion toward God - continued

5. A life of hopelessness

Ephesians 2:12

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

B. A life of salvation and the blessing of God

1. A life under control

Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

B. A life of salvation and the blessing of God - continued

2. A life of peace

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

B. A life of salvation and the blessing of God - continued

3. A life of absolute joy

1 Peter. 1:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice evermore.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

B. A life of salvation and the blessing of God - continued

4. A life free from condemnation

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

I. A Question of Desires (v 21)

"What type of life do you want to live?"

B. A life of salvation and the blessing of God - continued

5. A life of hope

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

II. A Question of Destinies (v 22)

" What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

A. What you do with Jesus determines where you spend your eternity

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

II. A Question of Destinies (v 22)

" What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

B. To refuse Jesus is to be doomed

John 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

II. A Question of Destinies (v 22)

" What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

C. To receive Jesus is to be saved and headed for Heaven

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Where do you want to spend eternity?

III. A Question of Decisions (v 23)

" Why, what evil hath he done?"

A. This question applies to the rejecter and the receiver of Jesus

B. Two types of people who reject Jesus

1. The one who does not care about eternity

2. The one who does not care to follow

Hebrews 10:26-27

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

III. A Question of Decisions (v 23)

" Why, what evil hath he done?"

C. The one who sees Christ as the innocent sacrifice and is grateful

Luke 23:41-42

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

1 John 3:16

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

**You Must Answer These Same Three
Questions Today!!**