

A Day Full of Questions

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I've heard that the average four year-old asks over a hundred questions a day. And kids have some very interesting questions.

Like one little boy who asked his dad, "**Do worms yawn?**" Where do they come up with that stuff? Well, kids have lots of religious questions as well. Here's a couple for your consideration:

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that OK?

And then there's this one:

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to create new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now?

Well, today we're going to examine a series of questions that occurred on the first Easter Sunday. One by an angel, one by some disciples, and some by Jesus.

We begin with the angel's question, directed at the women who had arrived at the tomb early on Sunday, in order to finish the preparation of Jesus' body for burial.

Luke 24:1-7

1 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their faces* to the earth, they said to them, "**Why do you seek the living among the dead?**

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, **7** saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

Now we can't be too hard on these ladies, because their heart was in the right place. After all, they were doing the best they could with the information they had.

Or were they? More about that in a few moments.

It occurs to me that what these ladies just experienced makes a perfect parallel with what a great many people struggle with in our own day and time.

I speak of people who are—in their own way—looking for Jesus. But just like these ladies, they haven't had much success. And for exactly the same reason: they are looking for Jesus in the wrong places. Or even more commonly—***they are looking for the wrong Jesus.***

Some people look for Jesus in religion. You know, the usual collection of traditions and rituals. Be active in all of those ways, with the thought being that maybe He can be found and experienced that way. But He will not be found there.

And then some folks have a political Jesus in mind. A Jesus who is aligned with either the political Right or the Left.

Whatever the case, Jesus is cited as a good example of why their political stance is the right one.

Then there is the version of Jesus who just wants to make us all feel good.

This is probably the most popular version, who may be described this way: "***Gentle Jesus, meek and mild.***"

The convenient thing about this version of Jesus is that He doesn't require much of anyone. He just wants you to be happy. Comforted. And at peace. It is the Jesus whose only expectation is that you "*follow your heart and be true to yourself.*"

Whatever version of Jesus might appeal to you most? You can find Him out there somewhere. A Jesus of your own choosing awaits to be found, especially if you look in the wrong places.

But the problem with that? It's not the real Jesus. If you want to find the real Jesus, you've got to look in the right place.

This is nothing new. Paul warned about this problem back in his day. It seems that certain religious teachers were preaching about another Jesus, a different kind of Jesus if you will. And Paul called some of his friends out on it, because they had started listening to this stuff.

2 Corinthians 11:4a NLT

You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach,..

It's important to consider any source of information you rely on for such a serious issue as the pursuit of Jesus. And for that purpose, there is only one place to look—if you want any hope of finding the real Jesus. And that place is the Bible, which is the Word of God.

Jesus Himself pointed this fact out to a bunch of religious leaders who were stumbling around in a convoluted search for the truth.

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

You want to find Jesus? He can be found in this book. And then getting back to our original text, we discover that the reason these women were looking for Jesus in the wrong place was because

they did not pay close enough attention to what He had previously said. And so the angel reminds them of what Jesus had taught them earlier.

Luke 24:6-7

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'

Now it's not that unusual to be looking for Jesus in the wrong place. Listen to me: If you have a sincere desire to find Jesus so that you might actually know Him and follow Him...If you have not really found Jesus yet, but truly desire to experience Him in your own life; I want you to be encouraged this morning.

What we have before us this morning is not rocket science. There's no secret password. This salvation we talk about is not just for the select few. Jesus didn't die for just a percentage of the people in this room.

Nothing of God's grace was held back. Jesus laid all His cards on the table, so to speak. And He died for every last person here, including you.

He paid the price for all the sins you've ever committed or will commit. Jesus wants you to experience the forgiveness of God and be connected to Him in the way you were destined to be.

And it's not like God is playing hard to get. He's not going to shine you on, or tell you to get lost. He does not want to exclude you from what's been made available.

God has always loved you, and He loves you now. What's more, He's not sitting on a cloud off in the distance somewhere running the universe and not giving a moment's thought to you. You

are on His mind. You have been since before you were born.

One time the Apostle Paul was preaching to a group of philosophers in Athens. And he was careful to frame his argument in a way that his audience could relate to.

At this particular point in his sermon, he hadn't gotten to the specifics about Jesus yet—that was coming. But he began speaking about God as the Creator, and of humans as His offspring. And listen to what he said:

Acts 17:27 GWT

He has done this so that they would look for God, somehow reach for him, and find him. *In fact, he is never far from any one of us.*

He's not far away. He's not far from you this morning, if you haven't met Him personally just yet. As the old saying goes, "*He's only a prayer away.*"

The power of Christ will be made known to many people across this land and around the world on this Easter Sunday morning. Lives will be changed.

I love that song that Ean sang earlier about that crazy man in the tombs. Here was a man who had lost his way, rejected God, made a series of terrible decisions.

And at some point, he did something that opened his life up to an invisible power that ended up taking over.

Talk about a hopeless case, that man was it. Beyond hope. Out of control.

But not beyond the love and compassion of Christ. Not beyond the reach of His power.

What a magnificent display of the grace of God. That man stands as a beacon of hope for anyone. Not just the hope for forgiveness, but the hope of a new beginning. A fresh start.

If there is anything along with the resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate on Easter it is the experience of being born again.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

And that is why I can say with absolute confidence that your past does not have the power to dictate your future. There is a new beginning available for anyone who places their faith in Christ.

Alright, that's the first question we had to deal with. Look for Jesus in the right place, and He can be found. The Bible can be trusted, and it is your roadmap to learn all there is to learn about Christ.

But we have to move on. You've probably got a big Easter lunch waiting for you, and I don't want your stomach to start rumbling and drifting off to thoughts of whatever's on the menu.

We've got a second question to consider right now, and this one relates mostly to those who have already come to Christ.

It is late on that first Easter. Two disciples were headed out of Jerusalem and making their way towards a town called Emmaus.

And Luke tells us that as they were walking along, they kept talking over Christ's death and the surrounding circumstances, and what these women had been saying about Him actually being alive. And they have an unexpected encounter, the significance of which they are slow to realize.

Luke 24:13-17

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

Now Jesus is not looking for new information here. He's just making a seamless entrance into their conversation. But His seeming lack of the facts startles these two guys.

Luke 24:18-19a

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?"...

Well, that last question of Jesus was all it took. You know how it is with Jesus—people would just start pouring their hearts out to Him.

And that's what they do here—just letting out all of their grief and frustration and all of the anger and confusion and disappointment.

Luke 24:19b-23

19 ...So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

And once they've had their say, Jesus immediately shifts into teaching mode.

Luke 24:25-26

25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

You see, they had been laboring under the delusion that Jesus' death was a terrible tragedy. That the whole situation was a mistake that should never have happened.

They had been wracking their brains, trying to figure out what went wrong. It should have been avoided, but somehow it happened. What did it all mean?

So Jesus points them back to the Scriptures and He begins by explaining that He was not just a mighty prophet, but the Christ. The Messiah. And His death was not an outrageous accident, but part of a master plan to bring salvation to the world.

Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

And then He continues the lesson. And it's not a quick devotional either.

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

We don't know how long this went on, but Emmaus was 7 miles from Jerusalem.

So it wouldn't surprise me if Jesus kept talking to them and answering their questions for 2 or three hours.

But eventually they arrive at their destination. Now it's time to settle in for the night, they talk Jesus into staying on with them.

Luke 24:28-29

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

It could be that one of them actually lived there in Emmaus, and they were inviting Jesus into their home. Or perhaps they were just staying for the night in a rented room.

Whatever the case, it was time for dinner, and they sit down to a meal with Jesus. At this point they still haven't recognized who He is.

Luke 24:30

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

And then it happens. Customarily, it was the host who would break the bread and ask the blessing at a Jewish meal. But Jesus steps up and fills that role. And it is at that precise moment that their eyes are opened and they recognize Him.

Luke 24:31

Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

May I point out the obvious here? You know this to be true in your own life, I'm sure. But our knowledge of Jesus? It's not comprehensive.

It happens just a little flash at a time. Understand, I'm not speaking of just learning the facts about Jesus.

I'm reminded of a verse from the Psalms.

Psalm 103:7

He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.

Israel knew the facts, if you will, about God. Moses knew His ways. And there is a big difference.

There are moments when you encounter Christ spiritually, where you see just a little more clearly, understand just a little more deeply. Where your heart is touched and your emotions are moved, and your spirit is engaged, when it's something beyond simple mental perception.

Well, these two disciples recognized the difference for sure, and you can tell so by their response in **verse 32**. Which leads to still another question:

Luke 24:32

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Let me stop there for a moment and discuss a few particulars.

A burning heart is an accurate description of what sometimes occurs when Jesus talks to you spiritually. And He does talk to us, make no mistake about that.

Now let me hasten to say that I do not believe in pursuing a religious emotional experience for its own sake. That is foolishness, in my opinion, and can lead to serious problems. And sad to say, there is a great deal of going on in the church world.

Don't get me wrong. I understand very well the desire to have an experience like that.

In fact, to be perfectly honest I get a little tired of Christians who downplay religious emotions, as if they are something to be avoided or held at arms' length. Are you kidding me?

No—to experience religious emotions is a wonderful thing, and such experiences should be anticipated and even cherished.

But they should never be sought directly, as if they were the goal. What we must pursue is the Lord Himself. And we seek Him through His Word, through prayer, and through worship.

But let me put this plainly as I can: Based on what we've just read in [vs. 32](#), what some Christians desperately need is a serious case of heartburn.

Let me put it another way. If a Christian goes on and on and on and never feels anything, that isn't normal. We understand that the Christian life is not always high spots, but our experience with the Lord should be peppered with times of intense emotional impact.

If that sort of thing never happens in the life of a serious Christian, what it may well indicate is that they have become too busy to seek the Lord in the way that they need to.

Now I'm asking you for a little latitude here. Because the last thing I want to do is make anyone feel condemned or unworthy or less than whatever.

But it is a fact that many folks wonder why their spiritual experience is less than exciting.

Can I speak in those terms, without sounding like some kind of religious nut?

Because truth be told, I've been around some pretty nutty Christians. People with that glassy-eyed look who come off as perpetually happy and bubbly and all of that.

To the point that it's just a little unnerving. I'm not advocating that sort of thing.

But make no mistake—this is a real issue I'm trying to deal with here. All I'm saying is that if your emotions aren't engaged in your religion, there are reasons for that. And the situation needs to be improved. And it can be improved. That's all I'm saying.

“Why does my spiritual life seem so flat?” someone says. That's a question than many can identify with. But let's not stop there. Because I've got a better question.

How can it get better?

For an answer, we need to look back to the experience of these two disciples in [Luke 24](#). They had just experienced a burning heart. And it seems quite obvious that this was not the first time they had experienced that phenomenon.

So in order to benefit from their experience, the question of the moment for us seems to be this: ***What preceded their burning heart?*** We know what caused it—it was Jesus talking to them. But what led up to that?

Understand, they weren't looking for this to happen. It was actually quite a surprise. Because as their story opens, these guys sound downright depressed. But you know what? That may have played a part as well.

May I make a suggestion here? Experiencing a time of mental and spiritual struggle is not necessarily a bad thing. Such times can often be the springboard for a deeper encounter with the Lord, and the reason for that is simple. During the low times, a person will often start seeking the Lord for answers with enhanced intensity.

“Seeking the Lord”—what does that mean? It simply means making a serious attempt at engaging with Him spiritually.

Something that goes beyond the usual, “*Now I lay me down to sleep...*” kind of prayer.

And that’s what we see playing out here with these disciples. You see, they had a 7-mile walk with Jesus. Which means they spent an extended period of time talking with Him.

For a Christian to experience the occasional burning heart, it simply requires time. Time to read, time to pray, time to think, time to write, and time to bounce thoughts off of other Christians. That’s what it takes, generally speaking.

It’s not very complicated. But in our overly-busy world, it takes some genuine effort to actually pull this off.

Because my guess is that you already have most of your day spoken for. You will have to steal the time from somewhere.

And just out of curiosity, by what means did Jesus get their hearts to respond in the way that they did?

Did He lay hands on them and cast out the demon of depression? No. Did He give them a little pep talk about how to live their best life now? Nope. Look and see what He actually did.

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

He taught them about Himself from the Bible. The message of Jesus in the Scriptures is where a heart of fire comes from.

Luke 24:32

Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?

Alright, one quick point of application, and we’ll call it a day.

This is for everyone. The very religious, the non-religious, and everywhere in-between. If you want to find Jesus, look for Him in the land of the living. He is the Living Lord. Alive and active and intimately acquainted with the details of your life. He is on the move, building His church, and He wants you to follow His lead.

He calls to each one here this morning. Some, He calls to walk a little closer. Others, He calls to come to Him for salvation for the very first time. Still others, He’s calling them to return to the faith they once had.

But here’s the reality of your situation: the ball is in your court now. A response is required.

You know He has been speaking to your heart. What will your response be?

Remember that man in the tombs? The crazy demon-possessed guy? In spite of all of his sins and spiritual darkness, he just couldn’t keep away from Jesus. He was drawn to Jesus, in spite of all the emotional and spiritual baggage he carried.

And I find it so encouraging that Jesus didn’t turn him away. On the contrary, He took the time to speak into that man’s life and that’s what turned everything around. That’s the power of Jesus’ words.

Has He spoken to your heart this morning? Will you answer His call, either to salvation, or to return to Him, or for a deeper walk with Him?

If you are here this morning and you know you don’t know Jesus as your Savior, can you think of a single good reason to continue living at a distance from Him? He is alive today, and stands ready to impart new life to those who will ask for it.