

# **A Conversation with Jesus**

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Multitudes came to see Jesus. Undoubtedly, many marveled as they wondered, who is this man?

In His own hometown the people would talk among themselves in their little groups saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Many sought out Jesus only for the miracles which He performed.

The people were astonished at the authority with which He spoke and taught.

Some were afraid to associate with Him openly, especially those who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, such as one by the name of Nicodemus.

However, no one could deny His power.

*"Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (John 3:1–2, NASB95)*

Jesus would go on to engage many crowds, but He was never too busy to take the time to speak with individuals. He loved to speak one on one.

Jesus said that He had come to seek and to save the lost. He described Himself as a shepherd.

He spoke of one who had 100 sheep, and said that if just one of those sheep was to wander away and get lost, He would leave the other 99 to go and find the one which was lost so that He could bring it safely home.

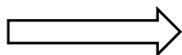
Many times, when Jesus engaged individuals, He would ask them pointed questions which called for soul-searching answers.

Wonder what questions Jesus would ask us today? I believe He would ask us the same questions He asked then. I believe this because I know He is alive today. He is the same Jesus today as He was then, and He's the same as He always will be. The fact is that He divinely recorded these conversations to engage every generation.

Let's consider and answer a few of these questions.

## Question 1

*"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He 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." (Matthew 16:13–17, NASB95)*



**Who do you say that I am?**

## Question 2

*"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36–37, NASB)*

(Notable wealth: Warren Buffet; Jeff Bezos; Elon Musk; Bill Gates)

## ➡ **What will you give in exchange for your soul?**

### **Question 3**

*(People will not endure sound doctrine. Many are not interested in the deep things of God, but only His blessings, healings, and provisions.)*

*“But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.” As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. So, Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”” (John 6:64–67, NASB)*

## ➡ **“Are you also going to leave?”**

### **Question 4**

*(Reaping the consequences of sin: a condition of brokenness; helpless to fix one’s own life)*

*“After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted. A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, **“Do you wish to get well?”** The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.” Immediately the man became well and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.” (John 5:1–9, NASB)*

## ➡ **Do you want to be made whole?**

### **Simply trust in Jesus**

*(Outcast; unworthy; unclean; reproached)*

*“While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately the leprosy left him.” (Luke 5:12–13, NASB)*

- If you believe Jesus is the Christ
- If you are willing to forsake all of this world for Him
- If you would commit to being His faithful disciple
- If you desire to be made whole

**He is willing. Simply place your trust in Him**