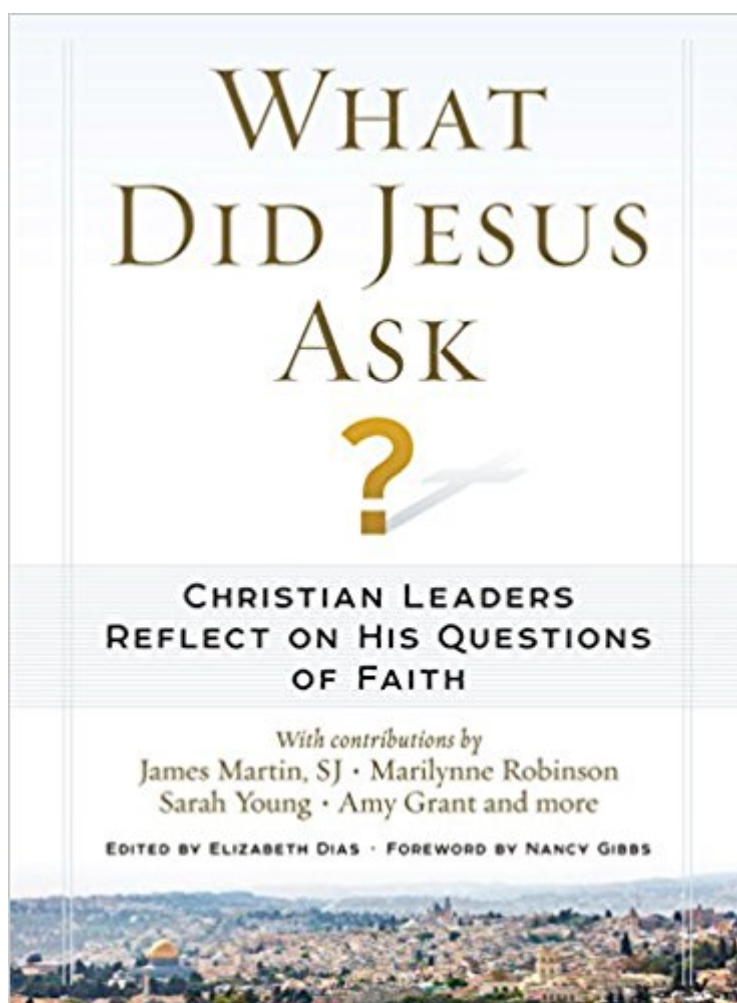


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# What Did Jesus Ask?: Christian Leaders Reflect On His Questions Of Faith



## Synopsis

In *What Did Jesus Ask?*, more than 70 of today's most prominent spiritual writers, religious leaders and artists offer modern meditations on the questions Jesus asks in the Bible. Their contemplations provide telling context, with both contemporary and traditional interpretations to lead readers on an exploration of their own faith and to shape their own meaningful answers. As a teacher, Jesus Christ put many of his lessons in the form of questions. The gospels recorded some 100 others. Some are rhetorical, needing no answer, but most were real questions posed to real people. Many of Jesus' questions are familiar to readers today, yet the context and the potential interpretations of such phrases will offer enlightenment to many. Organized by Biblical verse, these enigmatic questions include: "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" - Matthew 8:26 "Why do you call me good?" - Mark 10:18 "Does this offend you?" - John 6:16 Contributors include bestselling singer/songwriters Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, Christian leaders Barbara Taylor and Cardinal Wuerl of Washington, and bestselling authors James Martin and Sarah Young, and many more. Including a foreword by Nancy Gibbs, bestselling author and managing editor of TIME magazine, *What Did Jesus Ask?* is a thought-provoking volume for both readers interested in religious thought and understanding the teachings of Jesus better.

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Nancy Gibbs is the deputy managing editor of Time magazine and coauthor with Michael Duffy of the New York Times bestseller *The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House*.

The variety of essays in response to some of the questions posed by Jesus in the Four Gospels is compelling reading. Even when the reader does not agree with a perspective chosen by the author of a particular essay, the challenge is still there to provide a response oneself. All who are interested in a challenge to the way of faith in their own lives will have more than enough grist for the mill of reflection and prayer.

I enjoyed this book as it spoke about different people's ideas on what has been given to us in the Bible. I think it encourages one to stop and think for themselves about these questions that are put forth and if so they would enrich their daily lives.

"What did Jesus Ask?" is a great book for use in a Christian Bible study group or a Sunday School Class. Each short, very readable, chapter is based on a question Jesus posed to his followers and addressed by a theologian, author, Bible student, or Christian leader. Every chapter elicits rich discussion on the question as it was presented in the context of Jesus's time, as well as how the question is applicable in our lives today. This book has been well received by many who have experienced it.

It's interesting to read questions Jesus asked with responses from various points of view. Not the traditional explications, but an entire range of explanations from people with varied religious and secular backgrounds.

It is not often that so many fine thinkers and people of spirit are gathered into one place. Dias has edited a remarkable anthology here, a series of voices responding to a creative twist: What did Jesus ASK? We have read and heard much about what he did, said or even more did not really do and say. But to take the questions of the mystic spirit man Jesus is to wind your way toward his most compelling concerns. We're using it in my congregation as a way to spur even more serious reflection. A great piece.

My wife is very ill with cancer. Our mantra is "In this we have Jesus" The reflections compiled in this book have, along with others, been a special grace as we make this journey in faith.

Elizabeth Dias did a remarkable job of bringing together critical voices to address Jesus' teachings

and how they should impact our faith. An impressive collection and a worthy volume to include in the classroom.

A wonderful insight into the reasoning Jesus used to get his points across. Regardless of your belief's, this is great reading.

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