

First Baptist Church – Calgary

Week of: June 27, 2010

Message Series: Questions Jesus Asked

#4 – “*Don’t you know me, Philip?*”

- *John 14:1-9a*

Introduction:

It’s common within our society to meet people who have questions about Jesus. After all, Jesus is such an interesting and compelling person within human history. He claimed to be God, performed many miracles, taught with profound wisdom, modeled a life of selflessness & humility, and claims today almost three billion followers. On top of that, his people preach that he rose from the dead and will one day return to judge the earth and wrap up human history. Is it any wonder that so many have questions about him?

It’s interesting to note however that Jesus, too, had some questions. And as expected his questions are not trivial in nature but rather profound. They demand careful thought, inward reflection, and always a choice on our part. In fact, they are the sort of questions that we would expect God to ask.

Study Notes:

Personal Study: #4 – *Jesus & Heaven.*

Read Hebrews 1:1-3.

1. The author of this book writes that God spoke (revealed himself) in various ways prior to Jesus (verse 1)

- Read the following verses and list how God revealed Himself:
 - Genesis 18
 - Exodus 3:1-6
 - Isaiah 6:1-8
 - Daniel 3:19-25
 - Genesis 32:22-32
 - 1 Samuel 3
 - Ezekiel 1:25 – 2:9

2. Now read verse 3 again. What is so significant about Jesus Christ?

3. What picture of God are you functioning with:

- when you pray?
- when you sin?
- when you worship?
- when you tell others about Him?
- when you visit people in the hospital?

Read John 14:1-26

2. What are the significant differences in your “vision” of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit? Which Member of the Trinity do you “seek” depending on your situation? Why?

3. Our message this week concerns heaven, and God’s preparation for our arrival there.

- Read Revelation 4-5 & Revelation 21:1 – 22:5.
 - What is significant to you about heaven’s appearance? Can you believe that you will one day see what John described in Revelation?
 - When you spend time thinking about heaven, does your view of life here on earth change at all?

4. Besides Jesus, who are you most looking forward to seeing when you arrive in heaven?

5. What questions do you want to ask God when you reach heaven?

- Do you think you’ll ask them when you actually arrive?