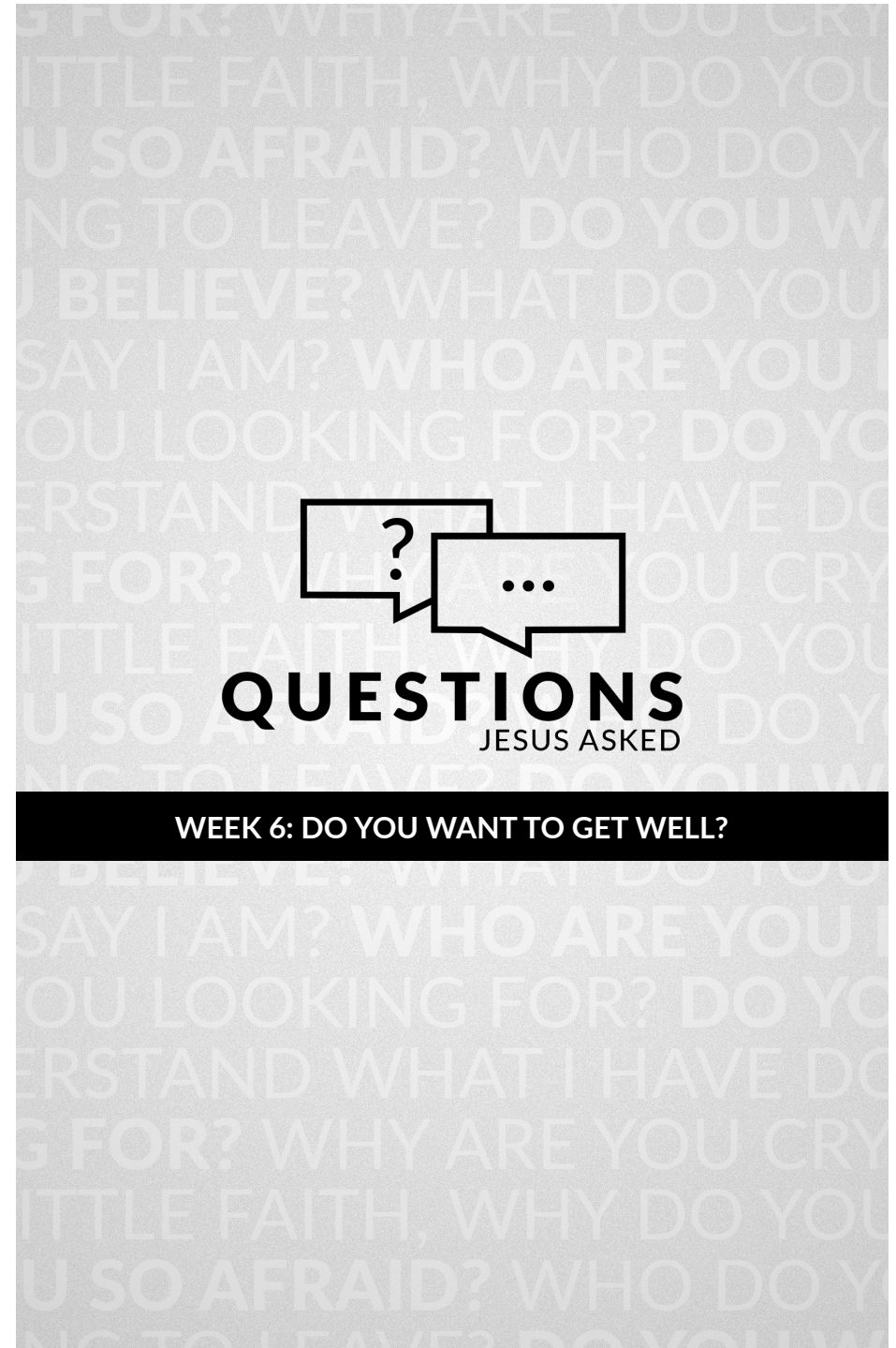


NOTES & QUOTES



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QUESTIONS
JESUS ASKED

WEEK 6: DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Do you like parades? Why or Why Not? What has been the best or biggest parade you have ever been to or participated in?
2. Reimagine what the Palm Sunday story would be like in a time of COVID and physical distancing. What would the response be if people received notice that Jesus was showing up to personally host an online group chat? Would you be excited to join? Apprehensive? How might you prepare for that meeting (create a gift to present to him, dress up, come as you are)?
3. Share about a struggle or problem you had for many, many years, that you now no longer have.

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Matthew 21:1-11. No one is indifferent to Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Think about and describe the various emotions from the different participants in the story: disciples, crowd, religious leaders, Jesus. What, if any, response does the story invoke in you?
5. Jesus comes on a donkey not on a warhorse. What kind of Messiah does that portray? What difference does it make that Jesus is a "gentle" king and not like the one described in Matthew 20:25?
6. Read John 5:1-9. Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to get well? When the man didn't answer clearly, why do you think Jesus still healed him?
7. Jesus gives the lame man two commands, "pick up your mat and walk" and "stop sinning". How are these linked to taking hold of the new life Jesus has just offered him?
8. Read Mark 5:21-34. How do Jairus and the suffering woman both provide models of faith that we can follow?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. Think about and share some ways Jesus has persistently come into your life over the years; people he has sent, events that have occurred, messages you have heard, thoughts that have come into your mind, convictions in your spirit and a longing of your heart. How have they been evidence that Jesus' tearful, loving gaze is upon you?
10. Have there been ways you have tried to block Jesus out; walls you've put up, "no go" zones you have established, stuff you cling to? These are the "pools" you sit beside. How do you begin to get unstuck and walk away from them?
11. What is the difference between Jesus asking, "Do you want to be healed?" and "Do you want to get well?" What might it mean in your life for Jesus to "make you well"?
12. What are some creative ways you might prepare to worship Jesus as we move towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday? (I.e., Read a different gospel account of Jesus' death and resurrection each day. Try fasting for a day as a way of honouring Jesus. Watch a movie about the life of Jesus. Hang up an Easter banner outside of your house or apartment. Attempt a family foot washing.)

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred..."
Matthew 21:9-10.

"Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."
John 5:8-9.

"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."
Mark 5:27-28.