

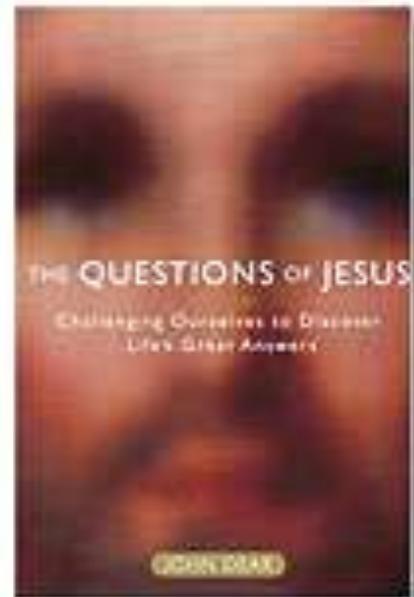
The Questions of Jesus

By John Dear

★★★★☆ (4.5 stars)

Buy this book if you:

- *What to understand the role of questions in the ministry of Jesus,*
- *Want a deeper understanding of the specific questions Jesus asks in the Gospels,*
- *Want to be personally challenged as a disciple of Jesus.*



As life coaches we understand the importance of asking our clients probing questions. Asking questions helps the client get in touch with their desires, dreams and goals. When that happens the client is more likely to take ownership over the goals and the plan for change that they set.

The Questions of Jesus examines how the questions Jesus asks his followers in the Gospels lead the way to a deeper understanding of the meaning of life and the mystery of God. The author found 307 questions that Jesus asked, but only a handful that he answered. As the original coach, Jesus asked probing questions that challenged the listener by exposing their heart, but resisted the temptation to answer the questions for the individuals.

John Dear has divided the questions of Jesus into 19 categories with themes ranging from invitation and identity; love, healing and vision; faith, truth and obedience all the way to the questions Jesus asked during his arrest, trial and time on the cross. Each category addresses a few of Jesus' questions that fit the theme, with the author's commentary on the meaning of each question and insights from ethical and religious teachers ranging from Buddha to Gandhi to Martin Luther King, Jr. to help the reader reflect deeply on what Jesus is asking.

John Dear points out that Jesus "has a question for everyone he meets, for every occasion, for every experience, for every potential disciple." Dear uses these questions as a starting point, an invitation to readers to discover the lessons they contain by searching their own hearts and minds for answers.

What You'll Learn

This is an excellent resource on two levels:

1. As a personal devotional aid to stimulate the disciple to reflect on the questions of Jesus in their personal life,

2. And, as an example for a life coach wishing to understand the role of questions in the ministry of Jesus.

Summary

Jesus' communication style was more in line with that of a life coach than the style utilized in many of our 21st Century churches: telling and information giving. His questions were good, often unnerving, and intended to lead to realignment and transformation in a life. Contemplating Jesus' questions will lead to personal transformation. Understanding Jesus' use of questions will reinforce our use of the same in our coaching relationships.

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