

J.A.M. Worship questions to the Pastor!!

Answered by Pastor Ho, April 2020

-- How do we help each other believe in God so they can have eternal life?

It begins with praying for each other, so that the person is more willing to believe, and praying for the opportunity to share about God.

-- Why do we live on earth?

Because God has created this earth for the first man and woman to live in.

-- Why are there bad people and spoiled people?

Not sure what is meant by "spoiled" people (like "spoiled" kids?). For sure, the Bible says everyone has sinned, and so has the capacity to be "bad" people. The Bible says "all has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." In that sense, we are all "bad" people. It's only God's grace that keeps us from becoming worse or really bad.

-- Did God really create earth?

Yes, because the Bible says so.

-- Why is his name Jesus?

Jesus is Greek for Joshua (Hebrews), which means "God saves," because he will save his people from sin (Matt 1:21).

-- How old is Jesus?

Most Bible scholars believe that he died at about 33 years old.

-- Why did Judas betray Jesus?

John 13:2 says that the devil put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray him,..." and Luke 22:3 says that Satan entered into Judas. His purpose of betraying Jesus was to get money.

-- When Jesus died, why didn't he use his "powers" to become alive again?

He had to die in our place, but he became alive again, by the power of resurrection from God the Father.

-- Why did he have a crew of angels when he already had "powers"?

The angels were created to serve him, not that they were his "hitman."

-- Why did they write the Bible when everybody already know Jesus?

Roman 15:4 says, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Yes, people in Palestine knew Jesus during his lifetime, but the Bible was written for all the world (not only Palestine) after these people ("original eyewitnesses") have passed on.

-- How was the Bible created?

The Holy Spirit inspired different human authors to write particular books, and the Holy Spirit moved the church to accept these books as holy, and they were bound together.

-- What is the purpose of people?

Westminster Shorter Catechism question #1: What is the chief end of man? Answer: The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

-- Who are Jesus' most loyal people?

This is a hard question, because there probably was no loyal one. It was only after the Pentecost, when the power of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, that many were willing to die for the gospel of Jesus, thus loyal.

-- Why did Judas get picked as a disciple when Jesus knew he was going to be betrayed?

Because Jesus knew he had to die in order to redeem (pay for) the sins of the whole world.

-- Why did King Herod hate Jesus?

Because he was afraid Jesus might take away his throne.

-- Why do bad things happen to me?

Because sin has come into the world, bad things happen to everyone. It was only through the grace of God that things don't get as bad as it could be.

-- Can Jesus really heal people?

A few of the New Testament authors were eyewitnesses of Jesus' miracles, which included healing.

-- Why did you make sin and Satan?

I assume by "you" God is the referent. God didn't make sin nor Satan. Sin wasn't created, but it was rebelliousness against God, and Satan was a rebellious angel.

-- What happens to babies that don't come out alive?

They die, just as people who die after they are born. If you mean whether they go to heaven or hell, we don't know for sure, but we get a hint from David in 2 Sam 12:23 concerning his baby who died after being born, David said, "I shall go to him, but he will not return to me." If David went to heaven, as we assume he did, then the baby might have gone to heaven.

-- How can God be three persons?

It is indeed beyond us, but that is what the Bible tells us. However, there remains one God.

-- How many different ways are there in the world to repent?

To repent is to turn around, or turn back, and insofar as we turn back to God, there is only one way.

-- How can God be completely perfect?

Because that is God's nature, or that is the way God is. If there is imperfection in him, he is not God.

-- Should people be severely punished for bad deeds?

If by bad deeds you mean sin, then we understand all sins are against God. It will face the wrath of God, which is a scary thing. But thankfully, the severity of the punishment has fallen upon Christ on the cross.

-- God did not have to send his son, or did he?

Yes, he did not have to, but in order to save human beings from sin, that is the only way, so he did.