

I've Got Questions about Heaven
#1 What Does Easter Have to Do with Heaven?

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A recent poll showed that for every American who believes he's going to hell, there are 120 who believe they're going to heaven. - **Barna Research**

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it, but small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 27:11 – Matthew 28:10

Five Questions

Question #1 - Have You Made Up Your Mind Yet What You're Going to do with Jesus in This Life?

Matthew 27:22 "Pilate said to the crowd, 'What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?'"

- **Reject Him outright** – disbelieve and deny who He said He was and what He did... call Him a liar
- **Attack Him** – spend your life undermining... and tearing apart what He said and what He did... looking for fatal flaws – and reading books that add ammunition to your argument... call Him a lunatic
- **Ignore Him** – just spend your life focused on the here and now – caught up in the immediate and ignoring the eternal...
- **Embrace Him** –

John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

Matthew 12:20 "A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench..."

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Isaiah 57:20-21 “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ‘There is no peace,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked.’”

Question #2 - Have Ever Really Listened to Who Jesus Said He Was?

John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

A. Jesus Satisfies Your Deepest Longing

John 4:14 “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

B. What Jesus Gives Can Never Be Taken Away

John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

Question #3 - Do You Really Understand What Christ Did for You on the Cross?

Romans 5:6, 8 “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Question #4 - Do You Realize the Resurrection Proves He is the Son of God?

Romans 1:3 tells us that He was “... declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Question #5 - Do You Know What it’s Like to Live with Resurrection Joy and Power in Your Life?

Matthew 28:8 “So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.”

I Peter 1:8 “Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”