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# 10 Point Questions

## Numerical Order

### Bible Overview

1. **Who inspired** the words of the Bible?  
*The Holy Spirit* (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)
2. **How many books are in the Bible?**  
66
3. **What are the two** divisions of the Bible?  
*The Old Testament and the New Testament*
4. **What is the theme** of the Old Testament? *God's covenant with Israel*
5. **How many books are in the Old** Testament?  
39
6. **What language is most** of the Old Testament written in?  
*Hebrew*
7. **What people group** is the Old Testament about?  
*The Hebrews, who became the nation of Israel*
8. **Who wrote the** first five books of the Old Testament? *Moses*
9. **Who were the Major Prophets?**  
*Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel*

- 10.** **How many books are in the New Testament?**

*27*

- 11.** **What language is the New Testament written in?**

*Greek*

- 12.** **Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?**

*St. Paul*

- 13.** **What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament? *The Gospels***

- 14.** **What does the word “gospel” mean?** *Good news*

- 15.** **Name all four Gospel writers.**

*Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*

- 16.** **What do the Gospels reveal?** *What Jesus did for me*

- 17.** **Which Gospel is written by a doctor?**

*Luke*

- 18.** **What was Matthew’s profession before he was called by Jesus?**

*Tax collector*

- 19.** **What does the Book of Acts show us?**

*What Christ does through His Church*

- 20.** **What is an Epistle?**

*A letter sent by an Apostle*

# 20 Point Questions

## Numerical Order

### Overview of Christianity & Scripture

1. **What is the central message** of the Christian faith?  
*The forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ*
2. **Where do we find God's Word about the Savior Who was to come?**  
*The Old Testament*
3. **Where do we find God's Word about the Savior Who has come?**  
*The New Testament*
4. **Who caused** the writers of the biblical books to write the ideas and words contained in the Bible? *God, the Holy Spirit*
5. **Whose Word** is every word of the Bible? *God's Word*
6. **What do we call the teaching** that all the ideas and words of Scripture are God's Word? *Verbal inspiration*

7. **How is the Bible** different from other books?  
*It is completely true and without error.*
8. **How should we use God's Word?**  
*We should gladly hear and learn it.*
9. **Who is at the heart** and center of the Bible?  
*Jesus Christ*
10. **Between what** two things must we clearly distinguish to understand the Bible correctly? *The Law and the Gospel*

## The Ten Commandments & Sin

11. **What is God's Law?**  
*The 10 Commandments*
12. **What does God's Law command** us to do? *To love God and our neighbor*
13. **QUOTATION QUESTION: How does Jesus** summarize the 10 Commandments in Mark 12:30-31?  
*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*
14. **What is the main** purpose of God's Law?

- 78.** **Why did Jesus institute** the pastoral office?  
*Jesus calls certain men to be pastors to distribute to His Church His gifts of Word and Sacraments by His command and in His place.*
- 79.** **What sins should we confess to God?**  
*All sins, those we know and those we don't know*
- 80.** **What sins should we confess to our neighbor?**  
*Those we have committed against him or her*
- 81.** **QUOTATION QUESTION: How often** should we forgive our neighbors for sinning against us according to Matthew 18:2122?  
*"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'"*
- 82.** **What sins should we confess privately to the pastor?**  
*Only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts, especially those that trouble us*
- 83.** **How should we regard** the absolution that is spoken by the pastor?  
*We should regard it as coming from God Himself.*

## The Sacrament of the Altar

- 84.** **CATECHISM QUESTION: What is the Sacrament** of the Altar? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.*

- 85.** **Is the bread** merely a symbol of Christ's body?  
*No. It is His Body.*
- 86.** **How can we say** that the bread in the Sacrament of the Altar is not merely a symbol of Christ's body? *Because Christ says, "This is My Body."*
- 87.** **How do we describe** the "sacramental union" of Christ's body and blood with the bread and wine of Holy Communion? *Christ gives His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.*
- 88.** **What is Closed Communion?**  
*The teaching that Christians commune together only when they share a common confession of the Christian faith.*
- 89.** **Why should we receive** the Lord's Supper frequently?  
*Because we sin daily and need forgiveness*
- 90.** **How are we faithfully** and regularly to use God's Word and Sacrament?  
*By attending church, listening to the sermon, and communing; and by studying God's Word throughout life*

## 30 Point Questions Numerical Order

# Overview of Christianity & Scripture

1. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Where does Jesus teach that salvation is in Him alone?  
*John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
2. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Where does Scripture teach that the Old Testament points to Christ?  
*Acts 10:43, "To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."*
3. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Where does the New Testament teach that it is about Christ, who has come?  
*John 20:31, "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."*
4. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What passage in Scripture teaches verbal inspiration?  
*2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."*
5. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Is every word of the Bible God's Word?  
*Yes. 2 Peter 1:21, "No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*

6. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** How do you know that the Bible is completely true and without error? *John 10:35, "Scripture cannot be broken."*
7. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What does the Bible say regarding how we should use God's Word?  
*Luke 11:28, "Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!"*
8. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Who does St. Paul say is the heart and center of the Bible?  
*Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:5, "From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*
9. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Where does the Bible teach that Law and Gospel need to be distinguished?  
*2 Corinthians 2:3, "The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."*

## The Ten Commandments & Sin

10. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What does St. Paul say the Law reveals?  
*Romans 3:20, "Through the law comes knowledge of sin."*
11. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** What is the explanation of the First Commandment?  
*"We should fear, love and trust in God above all things."*
12. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** What is the explanation of the Second Commandment?

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- 189. **According** to the Gospel of Matthew, where does Jesus' first public sermon take place? *On the Mount* (Matthew 5:1)
- 30. **Adam and Eve** sinned against God based on their senses and reason instead of...? *Listening to God*
- 204. **After Jesus** was arrested, which disciple denied Him three times?  
*Peter* (Luke 22:54-62)
- 39. **After the Flood**, how did the people rebel against God?  
*By building a tower to reach heaven* (Genesis 11:4)
- 74. **By what miracle** did Israel leave the land of Egypt?  
*The parting of the Red Sea* (Exodus 14:13-22)

- 217.** **For how many days** did Jesus appear to His disciples after His resurrection?  
*40 (Acts 1:3)*
- 40.** **How did God judge** the people who built the Tower of Babel?  
*By confusing their language so they couldn't understand one another (Genesis 11:7)*
- 69.** **How did God persuade** Pharaoh to let the Israelites go?  
*By sending ten plagues upon the land of Egypt (Exodus 3:1720)*
- 77.** **How did God provide bread** for the Israelites in the wilderness?  
*By sending manna (Exodus 16:1-18)*
- 96.** **How did God provide healing** for the Israelites when they were bitten by the fiery serpents?  
*He told Moses to make a bronze serpent for the people to look upon and be healed. (Numbers 21:5-9)*
- 54.** **How did Jacob show** his special love for Joseph?  
*By giving him a coat of many colors (Genesis 37:3)*
- 210.** **How did Jesus die?**  
*He was crucified. (John 19:18)*
- 103.** **How did Rahab** mark her house so she would be protected when Jericho was captured?  
*By placing a scarlet cord in the window of her house (Joshua 2:18-21)*
- 142.** **How did the LORD** remove Isaiah's guilt?

*By God's promise attached to an earthly element (i.e., coal; Isaiah 6:6-7)*

- 175. How did the Magi find Jesus?**

*They followed His star to where He was. (Matthew 2:2)*

- 203. How does Judas signal Jesus' identity to the Roman officials?**

*He kisses Him (Luke 22:47-48)*

- 200. How is Baptism rightly understood?**

*As a Sacrament (something Christ instituted, has a physical element, and forgives our sins)*

- 173. How is Herod's slaughter of the baby boys in Bethlehem commemorated in the Church?**

*The Feast of the Holy Innocents (28 December)*

- 234. How is Luther's Small Catechism divided up?**

*There are 6 Chief Parts.*

- 212. How long did darkness cover the land during the crucifixion of Christ?**

*3 Hours (Matthew 27:45)*

- 116. How long did David rule as king?**

*40 years (2 Samuel 2:4, 10, 11; 5:4-5)*

- 188. How many apostles did Jesus have?**

*12 (Matthew 10:2-4)*

- 2. How many books are in the Bible?**

*66*

10. **How many books are in the New Testament?**  
27
5. **How many books are in the Old Testament?**  
39
231. **How many children** did Martin and his wife have?  
*6 (They also raised four others, orphaned children of relatives.)*
53. **How many sons** did Jacob have?  
*Twelve*
95. **How many years** did the Israelites wander in the wilderness?  
*40 (Numbers 14:1-9)*
153. **How many years span** between Malachi and Matthew?  
*400*
241. **How old was Luther** when he died?  
*63*
100. **How old was Moses** when he died?  
*120 (Deuteronomy 34:7)*
44. **How old were Abraham** and Sarah when Isaac was born?  
*Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 (Genesis 17:17, 21; 21:15)*
232. **In Luther's Explanation** of the Ten Commandments (in the Small Catechism), what question immediately follows each commandment?  
*"What does this mean?"*

- 215.** In the Gospel according to St. John, for whom does Mary Magdalene mistake Jesus after His resurrection? *The gardener* (John 20:15)
- 216.** In the Gospel according to St. John, which of the apostles doubts Jesus' resurrection until he sees Jesus with his own eyes?  
*Thomas* (John 20:24-25)
- 157.** In the Gospel of Luke, how does the Virgin Mary learn of her pregnancy?  
*From the angel Gabriel* (Luke 1:26-33)
- 159.** In what city was Jesus born? *Bethlehem*  
(Luke 2:4-7)
- 56.** Into what country was Joseph sold as a slave? *Egypt*  
(Genesis 37:36)
- 193.** Jesus demonstrates that He can do miraculous things with what?  
*Food and drink*
- 222.** Luther believed God called him into the priesthood through what weather event? *A thunderstorm*
- 227.** Luther is known for having translated the Bible into which language? *German*
- 230.** Luther once described his wife as part of his body. He said, "Katie, my..."? *rib*
- 15.** Name all four Gospel writers.

*Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*

201. **On Palm Sunday**, what biblical event do we celebrate?  
*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before His death* (Matthew 21:11)
24. **On what island** was John when he was given the vision of Revelation? *Patmos*
80. **On what mountain** did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?  
*Mt. Sinai* (Exodus 19:1,2)
199. **On what night** did Jesus institute the Sacrament of the Altar?  
*The Passover* (Matthew 26:17)
25. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Quote John 3.16.  
*"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*
141. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What did Isaiah say when he saw the LORD?  
*"I am a man of unclean lips."* (Isaiah 6:5)
180. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What does John the Baptist call Jesus?  
*John 1:29, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
219. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What promise did Jesus connect to Baptism and His Word before He ascended to heaven?  
*Matthew 28:20b, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

86. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What verse shows us that the Tabernacle prefigures the Incarnation?  
*John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*
218. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What was Jesus' final command to the disciples before ascending to Heaven?  
*Matthew 28:19-20a, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*
179. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What was the message of John the Baptist?  
*Matthew 3:2, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."*
198. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** What, according to the Bible itself, is the New Testament?  
*1 Corinthians 11:25, "This cup is the New Testament in My Blood."*
27. **QUOTATION QUESTION:** Where did the universe come from?  
*Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."*
72. **The cross is** to the New Testament, as what is to the Old Testament?  
*The Exodus* (The Exodus is the great saving act of redemption in the Old Testament.)
243. **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** is the largest Lutheran body in the United States. What is the

secondlargest Lutheran group in the U.S.? *The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod*

245. **The name “Lutheran”** wasn’t Martin Luther’s idea. What name did he suggest? *Evangelical*
29. **To whom did** God say, “For you are dust and to dust you shall return”?  
*Adam* (Gen 3:19)
223. **What activity** as a student was Luther referring to when he described himself as having been a “crumb collector”? A *beggar* (Luther would go door to door singing and receiving morsels of bread as payment. This was to supplement his resources as a student.)
65. **What are the names** of the two sons of Joseph? *Ephraim and Manasseh* (Genesis 41:50-52)
238. **What are the Sacraments** and the Word of God? *The Means of Grace*
3. **What are the two** divisions of the Bible?  
*The Old Testament and the New Testament*
158. **What baby** leapt in his mother’s womb, when he heard Mary speak?  
*John the Baptist* (Luke 1:44)
123. **What building** did Solomon erect for God? *The Temple of the LORD* (1 Kings 6:2-3)

- 110.** **What descendent** of Ruth became king of Israel? *David* (Ruth 4:22)
- 50.** **What did Esau** sell to Jacob?  
*His brithright* (Genesis 25:29-34)
- 88.** **What did God use** to lead the Israelites in the wilderness?  
*A pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night* (Numbers 9:15-23)
- 197.** **What did Jesus do for Lazarus**  
*Raised him from the dead* (John 11:43-44)
- 220.** **What did Jesus do forty** days after His resurrection? *He ascended into heaven.* (Acts 1:6-9)
- 178.** **What did John** the Baptist eat when he began his ministry?  
*Locusts and wild honey* (Matthew 3:4)
- 149.** **What did Jonah's** three days in the belly of a great fish prefigure?  
*Christ's burial and resurrection* (Matthew 12:40)
- 60.** **What did Joseph** say was the meaning of Pharaoh's dream?  
*Seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine.* (Genesis 41:25-27)
- 97.** **What did Moses'** bronze sculpture prefigure? *Christ on the cross* (John 3:14)
- 31.** **What did Satan** use to lead the whole human race into captivity?  
*Eating the forbidden fruit*

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- 61.**   **At the end** of the world, who will return?  
*Jesus Christ*

- 10.** **Between what** two things must we clearly distinguish to understand the Bible correctly? *The Law and the Gospel*
- 54.** **Can we** make a decision to believe (have faith) in Jesus? *No, this is impossible. Furthermore, if we could make a decision to believe, then we would be responsible for our salvation and not God.*
- 84.** **CATECHISM QUESTION: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?** *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.*
- 32.** **Did Jesus** die on the cross for the sins of all people? *Yes, He paid for the sin of the entire world.*
- 33.** **Does anyone** deserve the Gospel? *No, it is a gracious gift from God.*
- 64.** **Does God** always give us everything we ask for? *No, because God loves us and gives us only what is best for us*
- 34.** **Does the Gospel** require us to do anything? *No, Jesus has done it all for us.*
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112. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

*"Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: 'forgiveness of sins.'"*

95. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** How can water do such great things?

*"Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: 'He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.'" (Titus 3:5-8)*

76. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** How does God's kingdom come?

*"God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity."*

74. **CATECHISM QUESTION:** How is God's name kept holy? "God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives