




# The Master Question Asker: Learning from Jesus's Approach to Evangelism

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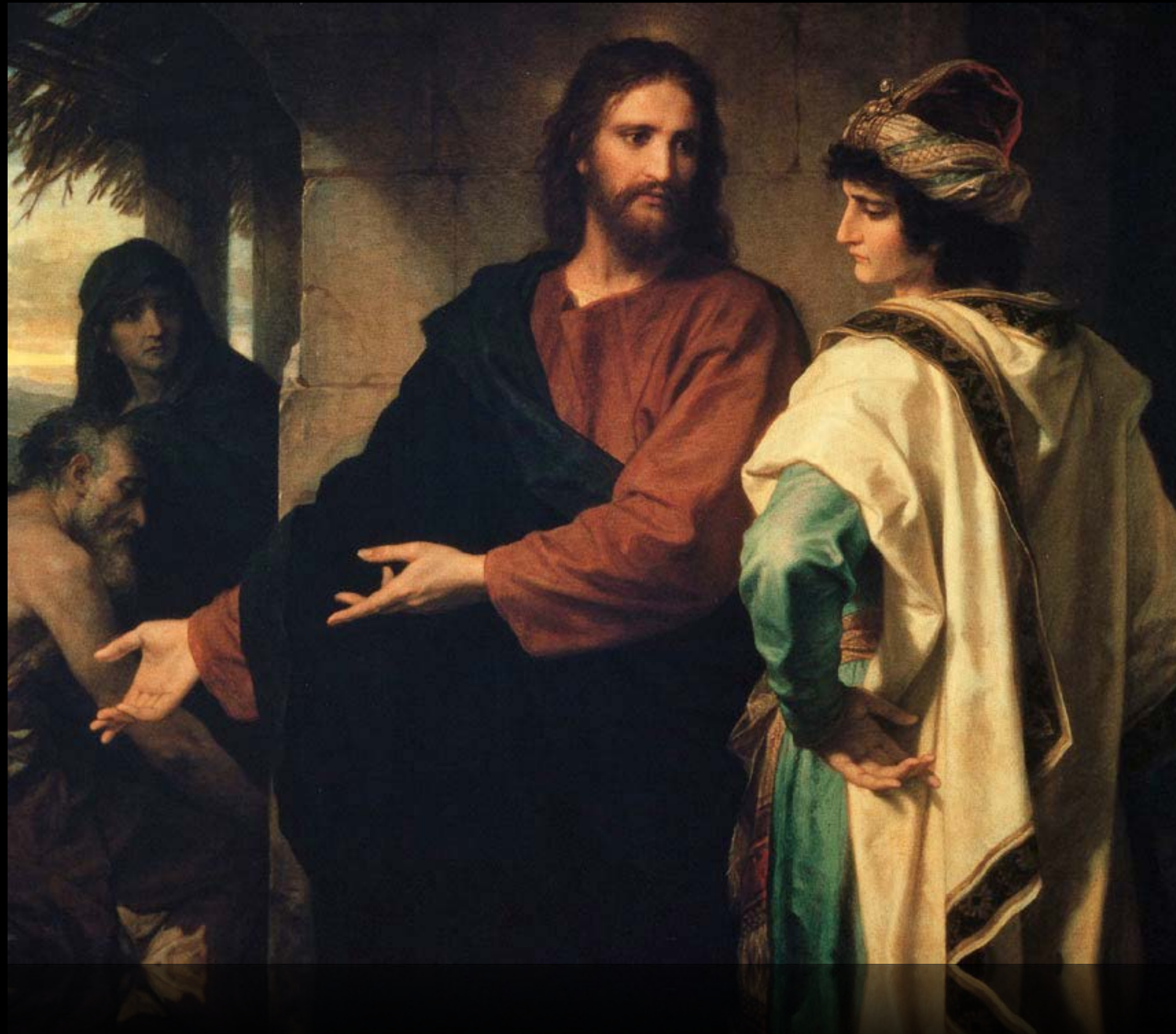


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The image shows the rear of a white SUV. A bumper sticker is affixed to the rear bumper. The sticker has a white background and contains the text "JESUS is the ANSWER". The word "JESUS" is in red, "is the" is in a smaller red font, and "ANSWER" is in blue. The car's rear light is visible on the left, and a silver exhaust tip is visible on the right.

**JESUS**  
is the  
**ANSWER**





Jesus's Love of Questions

307

questions asked by Jesus  
in the Gospels



Using a Question to Turn the Tables

One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,” they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

He replied, “I will also ask you a question. Tell me: John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

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So they answered, “We don’t know where it was from.”

Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”





Using a Question to Reveal  
a Contradiction or a Tension

While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

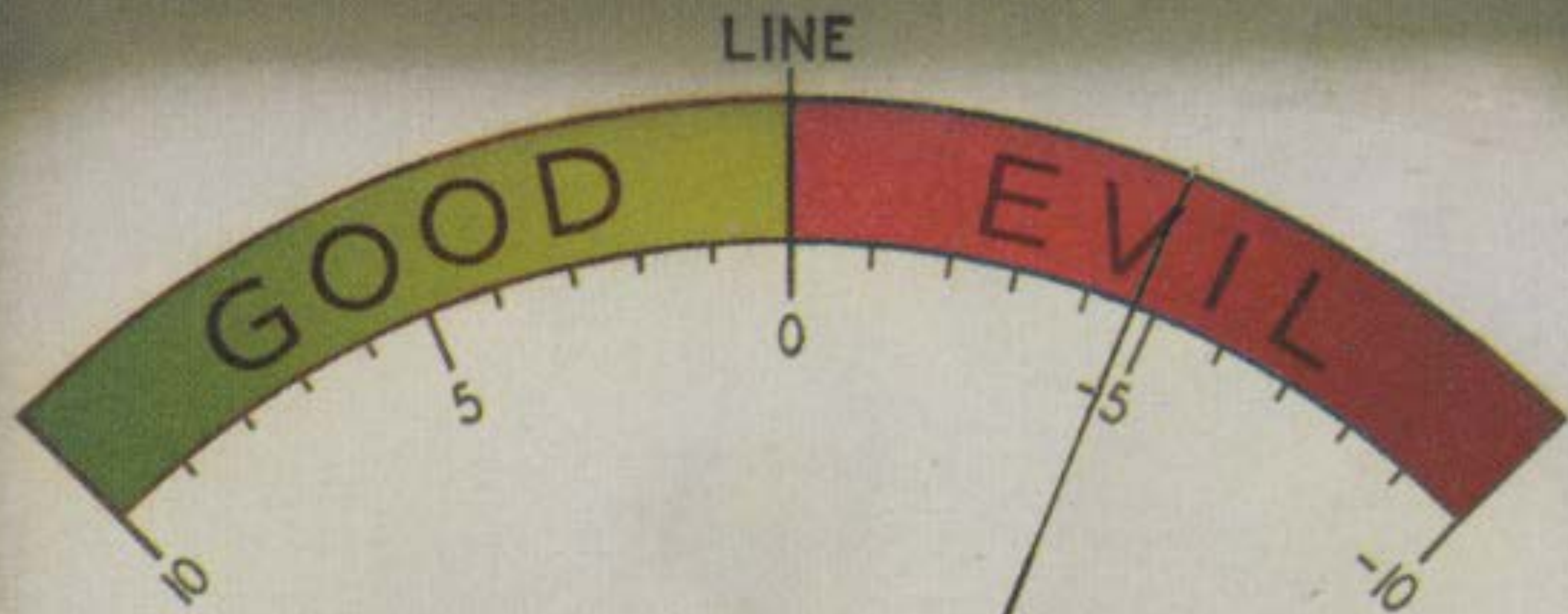
‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.””

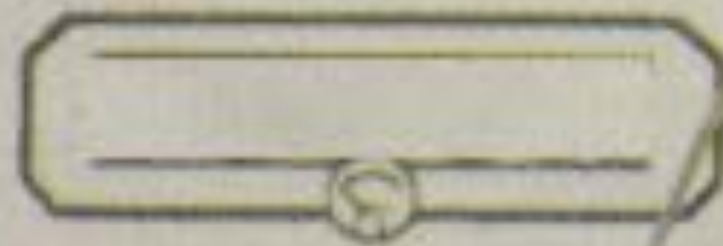
David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

The large crowd listened to him with delight.

Mark 12:35-37



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## Jesus and Questions

Some Concluding Thoughts

