

MATTHEW

May 15, 2022

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Describe your first impression upon reading v. 34.
2. Discuss the contrast between the purpose for Christ's coming (Luke 2:13-14) and the effect of His coming (v. 34).
3. What was Jesus' experience relative to vv. 35-36 (c.f., John 7:3-5; Mark 3:21,31)?

What makes Jesus such a divisive issue (in families)? Why is He a flashpoint?

4. What is the critical verb in v. 37?
5. Jesus questions Peter in John 21:15. What is the gist of His question? (How does it relate to v. 37?)

6. What is the problem raised in v. 37? (Review the resistance described in vv. 21-22 & 34-36).

7. What is the twofold challenge of v. 38? (What makes this so challenging?)

8. What is the result of meeting the challenge of v. 38 (v. 39)?

What does this look like in practice?

9. What is the repeated warning in these verses? What are the implications of it?

10. Discuss what it means to love Jesus more . . . (What does it *not* mean? What does it look like in practice?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

This week I will set my mind on the things above by . . .

This week I will fix my eyes on Jesus by . . .