

# Questions God Asks: Who Made Man's Mouth?

*(Exodus 3-4)*



## A Lenten Series on The Questions God Asks His people

The LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth?  
Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind?  
Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go.”

*(Exodus 4:11-12a)*

## + Call to Worship +

If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity. But his blood I will require at your hand.

*Ezekiel 3:18*

**“We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household.”**

*2 Kings 7:9*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, **who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”**

*Isaiah 52:7*

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,**

*Matthew 28:19*

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

*Mark 16:15*

**To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.**

*Jude 24-25*

## + Confession and Forgiveness +

**P** Heavenly Father, as we come before your presence tonight, we confess that we have daily sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have been selfish with the faith and blessings you’ve given us. We have not sought to glorify you as we should. Rather, we daily sin against your commandments. Come to us with grace and mercy, and forgive us for Jesus’ sake.

**C** Merciful Father, you have shown yourself to be merciful, kind, and slow to anger. You have visited us with salvation. You have made your gospel known in our hearts. We thank you for sending your Son to die for us, and for forgiving us our sin. Give us confidence and strength in knowing that we are your people, cherished, loved, and forgiven through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## + Hymn 783 +

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

## + Scripture Readings +

### Old Testament Reading:

*Exodus 3-4 (select verses)*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

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<sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you..."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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<sup>1</sup>Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" <sup>2</sup>The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." <sup>3</sup>And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— <sup>5</sup>"that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

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<sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am

slow of speech and of tongue.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”

### **Epistle Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

### **Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 10:1–5, 16*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’

<sup>16</sup>“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **+ Hymn 826 +**

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

### **+ Sermon +**

*Title: Who Made Man’s Mouth?*

*Text: Exodus 3-4*

### **+ Hymn 834 +**

*O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth*

### **+ Prayers +**

### **+ Lord’s Prayer +**

### **+ Benediction +**

### **+ Hymn 825 +**

*Rise, Shine, You People*