

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

Recently over a coffee a wonderful history teacher who taught me candidly said; *“Experience has shown me that the best lectures that I have given have at the same time prompted the students in front of me to ask great questions.”*

When I reflected on the wisdom of these words, I concluded that there would also be a number of other things that must happen for this to take place. One of these things is that the teacher has tried to become deeply informed of their subject matter. Another thing was that the teacher has the ability and then the willingness to pitch their lesson at a level that their students may readily comprehend. This is often a time-consuming task as so much is wasted if the message is above a person’s comprehension. And the third thing is that the teacher is able to convey with a sense of obvious enthusiasm and passion their subject material. It is these qualities combined together that makes the *total package!*

Jesus of Nazareth was obviously a master teacher, he consistently prompted people who listened to him to ask good and important questions. A case that readily comes to mind is when he was asked the question; *‘Who is my neighbor?’* and he responded by giving the memorable story of *The Good Samaritan* (Luke Chapter 10 verse 25-37). Then he concluded the story with the enduring difficult challenge; *“You go and do the same”*. Fr Martin R Maunsell