



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

The apostle Paul calls all other subjects for a sermon trash, when compared to the sermon about the crucified and resurrected Christ. In this program, we will discuss the most important message you could ever hear. The apostle Paul says about himself, that he only wants to speak of the crucified Christ. It is important to note that we should be speaking about the completed work of King Jesus, and not about the shape of the wood. We emphasize the divinity of King Jesus, and how the Trinity comes in action to save mankind. We will analyze the death on the cross in-depth, and we will shed light on the urgency the crucifixion has for the here and now.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the first fundament: conversion.

We recommend you to read the books of Mark and Galatians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

1.06 Plan

This program:

1.07 The Crucified

Next program:

1.08 The Son of Man

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. Galatians 1:6–9 says:

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!

In times of peace, a fortress with a moat around it, could be reached in only one way: over the drawbridge. In times of war, this bridge was drawn up. Assume you could reach God the Father by crossing this drawbridge. Then what will happen with people who tell there is another way to get into the fortress, according to Galatians 1?

(answer) They are under God’s curse.



2a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Those who reject King Jesus, the only Way to God the Father, throw out the joy of their salvation. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read to what someone condemns himself or herself to, when rejecting King Jesus. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Eternal separation.

(comment) *Then you are eternally separated from King Jesus.*

3a. To proclaim King Jesus as "the Savior of the world" is not to affirm that all people are automatically saved. Most religions also do not offer salvation. Do you still have to "proclaim" King Jesus? Please explain.

(answer) Yes, because you must give others the right to choose themselves, whether or not they want to respond to the salvation plan of God the Father, by which they determine their eternity.

4a. 2 Thessalonians 1:8–9 says:

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

King Jesus Himself also frequently spoke about hell. Name one example.

(answer) The other team needs to name one example. Possible answers include:

- It is better for you to gouge out an eye or to cut off a hand or a foot, than for your whole body to go into hell. (Matthew 5:27–30, Mark 9:43–45).
- Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell / has authority to throw you into hell (Matthew 10:28, Luke 12:5).
- For cities that have not repented, judgment will be severe, and Capernaum will go down to Hades (Matthew 11:22–24, Luke 10:14–15).
- In the parable of the wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1–14).
- For their hypocrisy, the teachers of the law will be punished most severely and will not escape being condemned to hell (Matthew 23:33, Mark 12:40).
- In the parable of the bags of gold and the three servants (Matthew 25:14–30).
- In the description of the last judgment (Matthew 25:31–46).
- In the parable of Lazarus (Luke 16:19–31).



5a. King Jesus is the Son of God the Father. We often picture sons of gods to be strong heroes like Hercules, Hermes and Atlas. This is why we sometimes mistakenly assume, that saving the world must have been an easy job for King Jesus.

King Jesus really had to become 100% human in order to save us through His sacrifice. Please explain.

(answer) Only a perfect and equal or better sacrifice can be a substitute sacrifice. A human life for a human life. That would not have been possible if King Jesus had not been human.

(comment) In TXT Fondue 1.08 "The Son of man" we go more in-depth on the humanity of King Jesus.

6a. "Universal reconciliation" is the doctrine that every person is reconciled with God the Father and goes to heaven. This is unbiblical: you need to choose for yourself, whether you want to accept the sacrifice of King Jesus.

For example, when King Jesus died, there was a Roman centurion (an army officer), who was converted. This is described in Mark 15:39: "And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'"

Which two things showed that the centurion was converted?

(answer) The other team needs to name both points:

1. He believed.
2. He expressed himself.



7a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Everyone must respond to the gospel of King Jesus. The soldiers who crucified Him had to; the teachers of the law who ridiculed Him had to, and we have to respond too. The Roman centurion believed and He expressed himself. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime which two more things we have to do according to the Bible. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer)

1. Bow our knees.
2. Acknowledge Him with our tongue.

(comment) This is described in Philippians 2:9-11: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

8a. What moved God the Father to choose this path of death for His Son?

(answer) Love.

(comment) Johannes 3:16-17 says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

9a. Every fact from the New Testament is underpinned in the Old Testament. For example, on the altar of burnt offering in the tabernacle, an unblemished lamb was sacrificed for the sin of a man. In this context, what did John the Baptist call King Jesus at the start of His ministry?

(answer) "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

(comment) John the Baptist says this Johannes 1:29.



10a. A few months after King Jesus died and rose, a tourist from Ethiopia went to Jerusalem and bought a scroll of the Book of Isaiah. On the way back home with his horse and carriage, he was reading in it. The man picked up Philip, who was standing by the side of the road, and asked him to the meaning of a passage. Based on those verses, Philip explained him the entire gospel of King Jesus. Acts 8:32–33 summarizes these verses as follows:

He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.

Please explain the gospel based on this verse from Isaiah.

(answer) The other team needs to have named at least the following four points:

- King Jesus is the sheep/lamb.
- King Jesus was silent (He did not open his mouth).
- King Jesus was taken from earth. He went to the underworld (Hades).
- King Jesus rose from the dead. This is why you can now choose to believe in Him.

11a. King Jesus saved every citizen of the earth from eternal damnation by dying Himself. He called His followers to tell everyone the Good News, like a rescue brigade. How far should you go in following after King Jesus?

(answer) Until the death (at the cross).

(comment) It's just like a fireman, who sometimes also has to risk his life to save others. When King Jesus speaks of how people have to take up their cross to follow Him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23, 14:27), He means that you need to be prepared to undergo the curse to point others the way out of the curse into the light. This is why the believers in Acts 9:2 called themselves the "people of the way".

12a. 1 Timothy 2:5–6a says: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."

Please explain what the definition of "ransom" is in this context, who pays the ransom and to whom, and how high the price is.

(answer) The ransom is the currency that is necessary to buy us free from sin. King Jesus paid the ransom to the devil, who is the owner of all slaves of sin. It cost His life.



1b. 1 Corinthians 1:23 says: "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles."

Every time we gather in the house feasts, King Jesus must have the central place in our fellowship; only He may be preached. Through which spiritual activity during a house feast do we put this into practice most clearly?

(answer) The Last Supper.



2b. Deuteronomy 21:23a says: "You must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse."

And Galatians 3:13-14 says: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.' He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."

What is the Biblical significance of the cross? Choose from:

- a. The cross is the symbol of our redemption. We lay down our lives at the foot of the cross. This makes us friends of the cross.
- b. The cross bridges the gap between God the Father and us, like a drawbridge.
- c. The cross is a sign that indicates what you stand for, which brings people together.
- d. The cross is a cursed and hated torture device, that King Jesus died on, which made our salvation possible.

(answer) The correct answer is: "d. The cross is a cursed and hated torture device, that King Jesus died on, which made our salvation possible."

(comment) Answer a is incorrect, because we aren't friends of something that brings a curse. Answer b is incorrect, because not the cross but King Jesus brings salvation. Answer c is incorrect, because although the cross is often used as an outward symbol, its historical significance is occult.

3b. Because the cross brings a curse, terms such as "crusaders", "crusades", "the red cross", and "crucifixes" cause confusion. What object from the tabernacle would be a much more radical and clear image than the cross?

(answer) The seven-branched lampstand (menorah).

(comment) God the Father has predestined us to be priests, and we have been commissioned to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning, of which the seven-branched lampstand is an image. It also indicates the proper relationship we have with the people of Israel. After all, we have been commissioned to spread the light in the world.

4b. The Old Testament first demonstrates everything, before it later is fulfilled in the New Testament. This also goes for the salvation we receive by looking up to King Jesus, who has carried our sins and troubles, and who according to 2 Corinthians 5:21 has become sin for us.

The people of Israel were punished in the desert with venomous snakes. When they repented, the solution God the Father offered in Numbers 21:8-9 was a foreshadowing of the cross. Which two similarities does the following text have with the crucifixion of King Jesus?

The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."

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So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

(answer) The other team needs to name both points:

1. A pole was erected, on which the cause of the troubles was cursed, and the people who had troubles could look at it. The snake was hung on the pole for people with snake bites; King Jesus was hung on the pole for people with sin (that is, everyone).
2. By looking up in faith, the troubles (snake bites or sins) was passed over from mankind to the substitute on the pole, through which mankind found salvation and healing.

(comment) *We must look up to King Jesus, not to the cross.*

5b. Why wasn't King Jesus beheaded or stoned to death; why didn't He rot away in a dungeon, or go under as a warrior?

(answer) He had to become a curse. This is how he fulfilled the prophecies.

(comment) *Isaiah 53:5 has foretold: "By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished." See also question 2b.*

6b. Around the time of crucifixion, there were three criminals who were confronted with the saving work of King Jesus: Barabbas and the two criminals who were crucified alongside King Jesus. Each of them would deal with the rescuing work of King Jesus in a different way. Explain this for each of them.

(answer) The other team needs to name all three points:

1. Barabbas was cleared of his death penalty; he had more time to think whether he wanted to choose to believe in King Jesus. Whether he has actually done so, we don't know.
2. Another chose to believe in King Jesus and died as a saved man.
3. A third did not choose for King Jesus and died. He was not saved.

7b. Mark 15:33 says: "At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon." Why did it turn dark?

(answer) Darkness had won for the time being. God the Father abandoned His Son, His Beloved, and took His distance.

8b. The gospels write differently about what happened on the cross. Please explain what the following Bible verses say about:

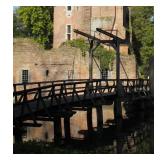
1. The way King Jesus died;
2. Which role God the Father has in this event.

Mark 15:34 says: "And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?')."

John 19:30b says: "Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Luke 23:46 (KJV) says: "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

Mark 15:37 (KJV) says: "And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost." [continues on the next page]



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(answer)

- King Jesus died spiritually, because it says: "He gave up the ghost". Life wasn't taken from Him, but He voluntarily took this decision. Only after He died spiritually, did He also die physically.
- God the Father had consciously abandoned Him. That means He was cut off from the Source of life, and an icy, dark cold remained. At this moment, God the Judge had judged Him.



9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

When King Jesus died, the Holy Spirit had torn the curtain in the temple. This was a thick curtain, that separated the "most holy" from the "holy place". The sin, that separated mankind from God the Father, was taken away. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what that meant. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) The drawbridge came down, so people could come to God the Father again.

10b. Usually when someone was crucified, the legs of the person at the cross were broken before nightfall. Name two reasons why the legs of King Jesus were not broken.

(answer) The other team needs to name both points:

1. He gave up the ghost before nightfall. There was no need to break His legs anymore, because He had already died.
2. Of a sacrificial lamb, not one may be broken. It has to be perfect. This way, the prophecies and Law could be fulfilled.

(comment) *John 19:36 says: "These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken.'"*



11b. King Jesus died at the cross. Death is the devil's mightiest weapon. Someone from the team asking the question will draw where God the Father had King Jesus conquer death. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) In the underworld (Hades).

12b. Name six words in this TXT Fondue, or that you can derive from this TXT Fondue, what you can call King Jesus to worship Him.

(answer) The other team needs to name six of the following:

- The Crucified (question 1b)
- The King (question 2a and further)
- The only Way (question 2a)
- The Savior (question 2b en 4b)
- The Healer (question 4b)
- The Redeemer [of the World] (question 3a en 12a)
- The Son [of God the Father] (question 5a and further)
- The Beloved (question 7b)
- The Lamb (question 9a)
- The Resurrected (question 10a)
- The Conqueror (question 11b)
- The Mediator (question 12a)