Counting the verses which contain QUESTIONS

These lists show where questions are asked most and least in the four Gospels. Mark has the fewest questions, but that is mainly because the second Gospel is the shortest. — Jesus used questions to teach, persuade, correct, and encourage, but his enemies asked many questions in order to attack him.

ch.	verses with questions	in Matthew
1	1 / 25 = 4%	genealogy #1, before Jesus' birth
2	2 / 23 = 9%	Jesus born and protected
3	1 / 17 = 6%	John's ministry, Jesus baptized
4	0 / 25 = 0%	the temptation, Jesus' work begins
5	3 / 48 = 6%	Sermon on the Mount
6	6 / 34 = 18%	Sermon on the Mount
7	6 / 29 = 21%	Sermon on the Mount
8	3 / 34 = 9%	leper, servant, mother-in-law healed, discipleship, a storm, demons & swine
9	6 / 38 = 16%	miracles, Matthew, on fasting, etc.
10	1 / 42 = 2%	the 12 instructed and sent out
11	5 / 30 = 17%	on rejection, invitation in 11:28-29
12	11 / 50 = 22%	Sabbath healing, unpardonable sin
13	7 / 58 = 12%	**eight parables**, rejection
14	1 / 36 = 3%	John killed, 5,000+ fed, walking on water, etc.
15	7 / 39 = 18%	traditions, Gentile helped, 4,000 fed
16	6 / 28 = 21%	sign requested, miracles recalled, confession & church, Peter rebuked
17	5 / 27 = 19%	transfiguration, miracle & faith, tem. tax
18	4 / 35 = 11%	on humility, forgiveness, etc.
19	9 / 30 = 30%	on divorce, etc., rich young ruler
20	6 / 34 = 18%	on service etc, Bartimaeus
21	9 / 46 = 20%	**triumphal entry**, temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, vineyard, authority, etc.
22	10 / 46 = 22%	feast parable, **Jesus questioned**
23	3 / 39 = 8%	on the Pharisees, "O Jerusalem"
24	3 / 51 = 13%	on the end times, parables
25	4 / 46 = 9%	on the end times, parables
26	16 / 75 = 21%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
27	8 / 66 = 12%	trial and **the cross** †
28	0 / 20 = 0%	after the resurrection, authority
total	143 of 1071	= 13%

ch.	verses with questions	in Mark
1	2 / 45 = 4%	introduction, baptism, disciples, miracles
2	8 / 28 = 29%	miracles, conflict, Matthew called
3	3 / 35 = 9%	conflict, 12 listed, unpardonable sin
4	5 / 41 = 12%	**four parables**, a storm calmed
5	6 / 43 = 14%	demons & swine, Jairus' daughter raised, a woman healed
6	5 / 56 = 9%	Nazareth, 12 sent, John killed, **5,000+ fed**, walking on water, etc,
7	3 / 37 = 8%	traditions, Gentile helped, deaf man
8	12 / 38 = 32%	4,000 fed, sign requested, miracles recalled, blind man healed, confession
9	8 / 50 = 16%	transfiguration, miracle & faith, on hell
10	8 / 52 = 15%	on divorce, greatness, etc. rich young ruler, Bartimaeus
11	6 / 33 = 18%	**triumphal entry**, temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, Jesus' authority
12	10 / 44 = 23%	vineyard parable, **Jesus questioned**
13	2 / 37 = 5%	on the end times, fig tree parable
14	12 / 72 = 17%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
15	6 / 47 = 13%	trial and **the cross** †
16	1 / 20 = 5%	after the resurrection, the apostles
total	98 of 678	= 14%

Key Point #1:
Three famous questions were asked by Jesus' opponents in Matthew 22, Mark 12, and Luke 20, but the frequency of verses with questions is higher in Mark chapters two and eight.

ch.	verses with questions	in Luke
1	4 / 80 = 5%	introduction, in the temple, prayer, two angelic announcements, John's birth
2	2 / 52 = 4%	Jesus' birth (shepherds and angels), two temple scenes, Jesus at age 12
3	4 / 38 = 11%	John, Jesus' baptism, genealogy #2
4	2 / 43 = 5%	temptation, rejection at Nazareth, demons cast out, many healed
5	6 / 39 = 15%	great catch, miracles, Matthew, on sin, on fasting
6	10 / 49 = 20%	Sabbath work, Sermon on the Plain
7	9 / 50 = 18%	a servant healed, a son raised, on John, sin, and love *(two debtors)*
8	5 / 56 = 9%	women help, **two parables**, a storm calmed, demons & swine, Jairus, etc.
9	6 / 62 = 10%	12 sent, **5,000+ fed**, faith confessed, transfiguration, a son, Samaria, etc.
10	5 / 42 = 11%	70 instructed, sent, return, lawyer's Q. the good Samaritan, Mary and Martha
11	6 / 54 = 11%	on prayer, Jesus' power over demons, parables, the Pharisees and lawyers
12	13 / 59 = 22%	against fear and worry, the rich fool, on being a good servant / disciple
13	8 / 35 = 23%	on sin, crippled woman, **two parables**, the narrow gate, "O Jerusalem"
14	4 / 35 = 11%	dropsy, parables, on being a disciple
15	2 / 32 = 6%	lost sheep, lost coin, lost son
16	6 / 31 = 19%	on riches, the rich man & Lazarus
17	6 / 37 = 16%	on offense, the 10 lepers, on his return
18	6 / 43 = 14%	on prayer, Pharisee & tax collector, the rich young ruler, Bartimaeus
19	3 / 48 = 6%	Zacchaeus, minas parable, **triumphal entry**, temple cleansed
20	12 / 47 = 26%	vineyard parable, **Jesus questioned**
21	1 / 38 = 3%	on the end times, fig tree parable
22	11 / 71 = 15%	the Last Supper, on greatness, arrest, Peter's denials, trials
23	4 / 56 = 7%	trial and **the cross** †
24	8 / 53 = 15%	after the resurrection, Bible explained
total	143 of 1151	= 12%

Key Point #2:
The highest frequency of verses with questions is in John, but there are some chapters with few or no questions. Chapters 7, 9, 18, and 21 have many questions: by enemies, Pilate, or the Lord.

ch.	verses with questions	in John
1	8 / 51 = 16%	introduction Jesus is THE WORD.
2	3 / 25 = 12%	water into wine, temple cleansed
3	4 / 36 = 11%	Nicodemus, God's love, etc.
4	7 / 54 = 13%	ministry in Samaria, in Galilee, nobleman's son healed
5	4 / 47 = 9%	Sabbath miracle, equality with God
6	13 / 71 = 18%	**5,000+ fed**, walking on water, THE BREAD OF LIFE, rejected by many, Peter's confession of faith
7	17 / 53 = 32%	Jesus' brothers, on ch. five miracle, Jesus' Father, living water offered
8	11 / 59 = 19%	the adulterous woman, Jesus is THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
9	13 / 41 = 32%	healing the man born blind
10	6 / 42 = 14%	Jesus is THE GOOD SHEPHERD. One with the Father
11	8 / 57 = 14%	Lazarus raised, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
12	4 / 50 = 8%	anointed by Mary, **triumphal entry**
13	6 / 38 = 16%	the upper room, foot washing, etc.
14	4 / 31 = 13%	THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
15	0 / 27 = 0%	THE TRUE VINE, about the world, etc.
16	5 / 33 = 15%	on the Holy Spirit, prayer, etc.
17	0 / 26 = 0%	Jesus' great prayer
18	16 / 40 = 40%	arrest, trials, Peter's denials
19	3 / 42 = 7%	trial and **the cross** †
20	2 / 31 = 6%	after the resurrection, Thomas
21	9 / 25 = 36%	153 fish caught, Peter questioned
total	143 of 879	= 16%