

is That So?

The Zen Master Hakuin lived in a town in Japan. He was held in high regard and 1 _____ people came to him for spiritual teaching. Then it happened that the teenage 2._____ of his next-door neighbor became pregnant. When being questioned by her angry and scolding parents as to the 3._____ of the father, she finally told them that he was Hakuin, the Zen master. In great anger the parents rushed over to Hakuin and told him with much 4._____ and accusing that their daughter had confessed that he was the father. All he replied was, "Is that so?"

News of the scandal spread throughout the 5._____ and beyond. The Master lost his reputation. This did not trouble him. Nobody came to see him 6._____. He remained unmoved. When the child was born, the parents brought the baby to Hakuin, "You are the father, so look 7._____ him." The Master took loving care of the child. A year later, the mother remorsefully 8._____ to her parents that the real father of the child was the young man who worked at the 9._____ shop. In great distress they went to see Hakuin to apologize and ask for forgiveness. "We are really sorry. We have come to take the baby back. Our daughter confessed that you are not the father." "Is that so?" is all he would say as he 10._____ the baby over to them.

1. Who was the Zen Master mentioned in the story?

- 1. Hakuin
- 2. Buddha
- 3. Confucius
- 4. Laozi

2. What was the initial accusation made against Hakuin?

- 1. He stole money
- 2. He was the father of a neighbor's child
- 3. He was a bad teacher
- 4. He broke a law

3. How did Hakuin respond to the accusations made against him?

- 1. He denied it angrily
- 2. He left town
- 3. He said, 'Is that so?'
- 4. He confessed

4. What did Hakuin do when the parents brought the baby to him?

- 1. He refused to take care of the baby
- 2. He took loving care of the child
- 3. He ran away
- 4. He called the police

5. What was the final response of Hakuin when the parents came to apologize?

- 1. He was angry
- 2. He said, 'Is that so?'
- 3. He forgave them immediately
- 4. He ignored them