

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Luke 20:27-47 (August 2, 2026)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. The missionary story illustrates how the gospel can be welcomed until it confronts personal sin -- in what areas of your own life might you be tempted to accept the parts of the gospel that comfort you while resisting the parts that challenge you?
2. Jesus consistently controlled every narrative and silenced every challenge from the religious leaders -- what does this tell us about the nature of Christ's authority, and how does that authority speak into the doubts or questions you carry today?
3. The Sadducees denied the resurrection yet held positions of great religious power and influence -- how dangerous is it to lead others spiritually while holding fundamental misbeliefs about God's Word, and what responsibility does that place on those who teach?
4. Jesus taught that in the resurrection, believers will neither marry nor be given in marriage, being equal to angels as sons of God -- how does this challenge or reshape the way you think about the relationships and attachments you hold most dear in this life?
5. God declared Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob long after the patriarchs had died, proving He is God of the living and not the dead -- what does it mean practically for your daily life to know that you are eternally held in the life of a God who does not deal in death?
6. Job, Isaiah, and Daniel all expressed firm belief in the resurrection long before Christ's coming -- how does the consistency of this theme throughout Scripture strengthen or deepen your own confidence in the promise of eternal life?
7. The scribes acknowledged that Jesus had spoken well, yet they still refused to follow Him -- what is the difference between intellectually recognizing truth and genuinely surrendering to it, and where might that gap exist in your own walk with God?
8. Jesus warned His disciples to beware of religious leaders who sought public honor, fine treatment, and material gain while exploiting the vulnerable -- what safeguards should believers put in place to ensure that spiritual leadership in their own communities reflects servanthood rather than self-promotion?
9. David, the most celebrated king of Israel, called the Messiah his Lord, pointing to Christ's eternal nature transcending His earthly lineage -- how does the reality that Jesus is both fully human and eternally divine change the way you approach your relationship with Him?
10. The sermon closes by describing communion not as a funeral but as a celebration of life and victory -- how does reframing the Lord's Supper as a celebration rather than a somber ritual change the posture of your heart as you come to that table?