

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 21:20-38 (August 16, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of Sundays Sermon.* —

1. The sermon describes delusion as 'a cloud of lies that covers a person and infiltrates that person's mind so he/she starts to accept that as the truth' -- in what practical ways can a believer guard against this kind of spiritual and intellectual deception in daily life?
2. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, God allows strong delusion to come upon those who refuse to love the truth -- how does this sobering reality shape the way you engage with unbelievers around you and the urgency you feel about sharing the gospel?
3. The sermon draws a distinction between acknowledging how bad the world is becoming and allowing that awareness to steal your focus from the hope of redemption described in Luke 21:28 -- how do you personally maintain that balance between awareness and hope?
4. Jesus uses the budding of the fig tree as a lesson in spiritual discernment, and the sermon quotes Hebrews 5:14 to remind us that discernment is trained through constant practice -- what spiritual disciplines in your own life are actively sharpening your ability to distinguish truth from deception?
5. The sermon suggests that the Rapture is the beginning of the great Tribulation because it ushers in the wrath of God -- how does your understanding of end-times prophecy affect the way you live out your faith today and the priority you place on evangelism?
6. Revelation 19:11-16 portrays Christ returning as a conquering King, which stands in stark contrast to His first coming as a servant -- how does meditating on both aspects of Christ's identity deepen your worship and your understanding of His ultimate authority?
7. The sermon warns that 'deception thrives where discernment is weak' and points to the parable of the ten virgins as an example of those who follow Christ at a distance -- what does it look like in real, everyday terms to be a follower who is close enough to Christ to recognize the signs of the times?
8. Luke 21:34 warns believers not to let their hearts be weighed down with the cares of this life, comparing that spiritual drowsiness to a trap -- what specific cares or distractions in your own life most threaten to dull your spiritual alertness, and how are you addressing them?
9. The sermon emphasizes that standing before the Son of Man in Luke 21:36 refers to standing with Him in redemption, not facing the White Throne Judgment -- how does the assurance of that distinction motivate you to live with greater boldness and confidence in your faith?
10. Jesus continued teaching in the temple every day and returning to the Mount of Olives every evening, maintaining a rhythm of ministry and communion with the Father even as the cross drew near -- what does His example reveal about the relationship between active service and private devotion, and how does that challenge your own spiritual routine?