

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Luke 22-47-71 (September 6, 2026)

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

1. Judas walked alongside Jesus for three years, witnessing miracles and experiencing His love firsthand, yet still chose betrayal -- what does this reveal about the danger of being near the truth without ever truly surrendering to it?
2. Peter boldly declared he would never deny Jesus, yet fear drove him to do exactly that within hours -- in what areas of your own life does the fear of man quietly override your fear of God?
3. When Jesus healed Malchus after Peter's attack, He returned good for evil in the very moment of His own arrest -- how does this challenge the way you respond when you are wronged or treated unjustly?
4. The religious leaders had witnessed Jesus teach in the temple day after day, yet their hearts remained hardened -- what spiritual conditions in a person's life can cause repeated exposure to truth to produce greater resistance rather than greater faith?
5. Peter wept bitterly after his denial, experiencing what Scripture describes as a godly grief that leads to repentance -- how do you distinguish between genuine godly sorrow over sin and mere regret over consequences?
6. Jesus told the council that even if He answered their question they would not believe, because unbelief is ultimately a condition of the heart rather than a lack of evidence -- what does this say about how we should approach evangelism and sharing our faith with others?
7. The moment Jesus turned and looked at Peter after the rooster crowed is one of the most piercing images in the Gospels -- what do you imagine that look communicated, and have you ever experienced a moment where you felt the weight of God's gaze on your own failure?
8. Jesus declared that the Son of Man would soon be seated at the right hand of the power of God, even while standing as a prisoner before His accusers -- how does holding an eternal perspective change the way you endure difficult or unjust circumstances in your own life?
9. The communion reflection describes the Father turning His face from the Son so that humanity could be redeemed -- how does meditating on the cost of your salvation shape the way you approach God in worship and in daily life?
10. Throughout this passage, darkness is used both literally and spiritually to describe those who opposed Jesus -- in what ways might areas of spiritual darkness still exist in your own heart, and what steps are you taking to bring them into the light of Christ?