

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Luke 24:36-53 (October 4, 2026)

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

1. Jesus offered peace to His disciples in the very moment they were gripped by fear and disbelief — in what areas of your life are you struggling to receive the peace Christ is offering you right now?
2. The disciples had walked with Jesus, heard His teachings, and witnessed His miracles, yet they still doubted when He stood before them risen — what does this reveal about the nature of human doubt, and how should the church respond to those who struggle to believe?
3. Jesus proved His resurrection not through grand spectacle but through tangible, personal interaction — eating fish, showing His scars, opening minds to Scripture — what does this tell us about how God meets people where they are in their unbelief?
4. The pastor drew a sharp contrast between religious legalism and compassionate grace, using the Good Samaritan as an example — where do you personally draw the line between upholding biblical truth and extending mercy to those the religious establishment might consider unworthy?
5. Jesus told His disciples in Luke 24 that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed to all nations beginning in Jerusalem — how seriously do you take your role as a witness, and what does that witness look like in your everyday life?
6. Matthew 24:9-14 warns that lawlessness will increase and the love of many will grow cold — in what practical ways can believers guard their hearts against spiritual coldness in an increasingly hostile culture?
7. The disciples worshiped Jesus immediately after His ascension and returned to Jerusalem with great joy — what is the connection between truly understanding the resurrection and living a life marked by worship and joy?
8. Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high before going out to witness — how does the role of the Holy Spirit shape the effectiveness of our witness, and are we relying on that power today?
9. The pastor pointed out that Jesus opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures, connecting the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms to Himself — how does seeing Christ as the fulfillment of all Scripture change the way you read and apply the Bible?
10. The permanent nail scars on the resurrected body of Jesus serve as an eternal reminder of the price paid for humanity's salvation — how does meditating on the physical reality of Christ's sacrifice shape the way you approach communion, worship, and daily discipleship?