

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 26:57-75 **(April 29, 2026)**

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

1. The sermon describes the religious leaders as blind to the things of God despite their devotion to the law of Moses. How can religious activity and knowledge become a barrier to truly knowing God?
2. Jesus remained mostly silent during His trial, fulfilling prophecy. When facing false accusations or injustice, how do we discern when to speak in our defense and when to remain silent?
3. Caiaphas invoked the living God while condemning the Son of God. In what ways might we invoke God's name while simultaneously working against His purposes without realizing it?
4. The sermon notes that God used the wicked actions of the religious leaders to accomplish His plan of salvation. How does understanding God's sovereignty over evil actions affect the way you view difficult circumstances in your own life?
5. Peter's three denials came after his bold declaration that he would die with Jesus. What does Peter's failure teach us about the gap between our intentions and our actions when under pressure?
6. The religious leaders sought false testimony against Jesus but could only find His own words, which they misunderstood. How does this reflect the danger of interpreting Scripture or spiritual truth through the lens of our own agendas?
7. The sermon mentions modern religious leaders making statements contrary to Scripture. How can believers discern truth from error when it comes from those in positions of spiritual authority?
8. Jesus told Caiaphas that he would see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power. What does this statement reveal about Jesus's perspective on temporary earthly judgment versus eternal vindication?
9. Peter wept bitterly after his denial, while the religious leaders showed no remorse for condemning an innocent man. What is the difference between godly sorrow that leads to repentance and the hardness of heart displayed by the religious leaders?
10. The sermon describes the religious leaders as having appearance but no reality, filled with dead men's bones. How can we examine our own spiritual lives to ensure we have genuine faith rather than mere religious appearance?