



Date: July 19, 2026

Sermon Title: Questioning the King

Sermon Notes:

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Main Idea: We dare not expect Jesus to give more light to those who have rejected what He has clearly revealed.

Breaking the Ice

- Share a time when you saw someone get into an embarrassing situation by questioning someone when he or she should have listened instead.

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 20:1–8
- What does the phrase “these things” refer to in verse 2?
- Of the two answers proposed in verses 5 and 6, which answer do the leaders clearly believe and why?

Applying the Truth Personally

- When have I found myself cowering before people with hostile spiritual questions? What can I do to respond more like Jesus did in Luke 20:1–8?
- What is one way in which I struggle to accept Jesus' authority in my life? How can I learn to accept His authority fully in this area?
- What are specific examples when I have encountered Jesus not “answering” me because I have rejected what He has already revealed?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- Based on the last question above, how can we help one another in these cases?
- What are some ways that we can learn from Jesus' example in Luke 20:1–8 to prepare people to recognize that they cannot accept Jesus while rejecting His authority?

Digging Deeper

- Read Luke 3:16. What significance does John's words in this verse have on the dialogue of Luke 20:1–8?

- How would you respond to someone who suggested that Jesus' refusal to answer the leaders in Luke 20:8 indicated that He really lacked authority for His action?

Looking Ahead

- Missionary Hector Garcia is with us next week. To help look ahead for the remainder of our series in Luke, read Luke 20–24 this week.