

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 7:24-50 (October 12, 2025)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon.* —

1. How might our preconceived notions or expectations of Jesus, like John the Baptist's, sometimes hinder our understanding of His true nature and mission?
2. How can we ensure we're open to seeing Jesus as He truly is, rather than as we expect Him to be?
3. Jesus describes John the Baptist as 'more than a prophet' - what does this tell us about the importance of John's role in preparing the way for Christ, and how might we be called to prepare others for encountering Jesus today?
4. Why do you think the Pharisees and lawyers 'rejected the purpose of God for themselves' by refusing John's baptism?
5. In what ways might we similarly resist God's purposes for us in our own lives?
6. Jesus compares His generation to children refusing to participate in games - how does this analogy apply to people's responses to the gospel message today?
7. What 'excuses' do people often use to avoid engaging with spiritual truths?
8. The sinful woman's actions demonstrate profound gratitude and love for Jesus. How can we cultivate a similar depth of appreciation for God's forgiveness in our own lives, especially if we don't view ourselves as 'major sinners'?
9. What does Jesus' parable about the two debtors reveal about the relationship between forgiveness and love?
10. How might this impact the way we view both our own sins and the sins of others?
11. Simon the Pharisee failed to show Jesus basic hospitality, while the sinful woman lavished Him with attention. What does this contrast teach us about true worship and the danger of religious complacency?
12. Jesus states that 'wisdom is justified by all her children.' How does this statement relate to the different responses people had to both John the Baptist and Jesus?
13. What does it mean for our own spiritual discernment?

14. The dinner guests were astonished that Jesus forgave sins. Why do you think they struggled to recognize His divine authority, despite witnessing His teachings and miracles?
15. How can we avoid similar spiritual blindness?
16. Jesus tells the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' How does this statement encapsulate the essence of the gospel message, and what implications does it have for how we understand salvation and peace with God?