



The Gospel of Luke



Week 22 Discussion Questions

Week of 3/5/23

Text: Luke 20:27-47

Icebreaker: Think of people you know who do not follow Christ. What do you think they believe about what happens after death?

1. Read verses 27-40 and Deuteronomy 25:5 for background. Given that Luke tells us the Sadducees “deny that there is a resurrection,” why are they asking Jesus this question?

Application: We may believe in the resurrection but not spend much time thinking about why it’s important. What difference would it make if the Sadducees were right—that there is no resurrection?

2. What can we learn about the resurrection and what it will be like from Jesus’s response in verses 34-40?

Application: What do you find most personally significant and hopeful about Jesus’s response? Why?

3. Read verses 41-44. These verses can sound like a riddle, but the question from Jesus in verse 41 is the main issue. Jesus had been challenged about the source of his authority (see 20:2), so he is emphasizing an aspect of the Messiah that was sometimes missed. Why does it matter that Jesus is both “David’s son” and “the Lord” sitting at the right hand of God?

Application: Which aspect of Jesus’s true identity do you think is more emphasized today—his humanity or his divinity? Explain.

4. Jesus quotes from Psalm 110—an often-quoted psalm attributed to David (Israel’s model king) that speaks of Israel’s future ideal king. As you think about all we’ve seen so far in Luke, what has Jesus done that makes him seem like what you would expect from a king? What has he NOT done that you would also expect from a king?

5. Read verses 45-47. How have the tables turned here at the end of chapter 20 from where things began at the start of the chapter? How would you summarize what Jesus is warning the people about in these last verses?

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Application: Are there ways “religious people” today, like the scribes, also seek status and try to appear impressive to others? How do we protect ourselves from either being like them or being overly influenced by them?