

Hard Questions Answered

Lessons from the Master – Part 8

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Psalm 119:105 (ESV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

James 1:5 (ESV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV) Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

1. Jesus' answer on _____

Luke 20:20 (ESV) So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Luke 20:21-22 (ESV) So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

Luke 20:23-24 (ESV) But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's."

Luke 20:25-26 (ESV) He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

2. Jesus' answer on _____

Luke 20:27-28 (ESV) There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

Luke 20:29-33 (ESV) Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

Luke 20:34-36 (ESV) And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Luke 20:37-38 (ESV) But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

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Intro. What unanswered questions do you have in your life?

How can God's Word illuminate the dark places in your path that you have questions about (Psalm 119:105)?

What kind of wisdom might people need from God (James 1:5)?

Why should we look to God's leaders for answers (Ephesians 4:11-12)?

What encouragement does the promise in Jeremiah 33:3 give you?

1A. Why do you think the Jewish leaders were so focused on getting rid of Jesus (Luke 20:19-20)?

1B. In what ways was the question of Luke 20:21-22 a trick question for Jesus?

1C. Why did Jesus not answer their question directly, but asked another question (Luke 20:23-24)?

1D. Explain how Jesus' answer in Luke 20:25-26 gives us direction in how to relate to the authority of God and the government.

2A. Why do some people deny the resurrection and the afterlife (Luke 20:27-28)?

2B. What were the Sadducees trying to do with their made-up question (Luke 20:29-33)?

2C. What does Jesus describe the relationship of people in the afterlife to be like (Luke 20:34-36)?

2D. Why is the resurrection from the dead such an important reality (Luke 20:37-38)?

2E. What can we learn about our future resurrection from Jesus' resurrection?

2F. How can an understanding of the resurrection give us hope today?