

Foolish Questions Jesus Answered (Luke 20 and Matt 22)

Have you ever asked a foolish question? I'm sure all of us have had moments where we asked a question that didn't need to be asked.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, we see several occasions where the Lord is asked a foolish question. Some of those questions were ever asked by the Apostles, but at least they were honest.

The religious leaders asked questions in order to trap and discredit Jesus in front of the crowds He was trying to teach. I find it very interesting, that when Jesus answers a question, He goes far beyond what was asked. Even when the Lord's enemies were trying to trap Him, His answers were so good that by the end of Luke chapter 20, verse 40 says, "No one dared to ask Him any more questions." I want to look at some of the foolish questions Jesus answered.

I. Question Number one: (Luke 20:1-8)

"Tell us by what authority you are doing these things?" Jesus replied, "I'll answer your question if you answer mine. "Tell me, John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'from heaven,' he will ask, 'why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet." So they answered, "We don't know where it was from."

Proverbs 26:5 says, "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself."

Who is the ultimate source of authority today? It is it Jesus or Man?

II. Question #2. Luke 20:20-26

"The religious leaders were keeping a close watch on him. They sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus saying something controversial so that they might hand him over to the Roman's.

The spies questioned him saying, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. "

Then they slip in what they thought was a knockout question. "Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus said, "Why do test me?"

If Jesus said "yes, pay your taxes" that what upset the Jews because they despised the Romans. On the other hand, if Jesus said, "No," the Herodians (who supported Herod) would have Him arrested for treason.

Jesus saw the trickery and said, "Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription is on it?" "Caesar's," they replied.

Jesus said, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what is God’s.”

The Bible says, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established (Rom 13:1-6).

We are American citizens, but don’t forget we are also citizens of heaven (Phil 3:20).

2 Cor 9:7, “Let each of you give what you have decided in your heart, not out of grief or necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

III. Question number 3. (Luke 20:27) (Matt 22:23)

In the O.T. when a woman’s husband died, it was the duty of his brother to marry his widow.

In verse 27, the Sadducees (who did not believe in the resurrection) asked Jesus saying, “What if a widow got married a 2nd time, a 3rd time, a 4th time, 7 times and all 7 of those brothers died. Finally, the women also died. Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?”

Jesus said we will be like what? Equal to who? The Angels of God in heaven.

Life in heaven is not like it is on this earth. If I have loved ones, friends and family members who are lost and think, “there is no way I am going to be happy over yonder, I need to go back and read this passage.

Question Number 4 is found (Matt 22:34) It’s a question not found in Luke 20.

After silencing the Sadducees, the Pharisees had one last question in order to trap Jesus.

“Teacher, which law is the greatest commandment?” From the O.T. Jesus quoted Deut 6:5 and Lev 19:18 saying, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Mark 12:28 adds something interesting about this passage. The Pharisees were apparently unaware that the lawyer they picked enjoyed the Lord’s answers.

Love is vital. You cannot love God without loving others.

Close: In the lesson, we’ve seen 4 questions that Jesus answered.

Bye what authority do you do these things? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar? What will happen after the Resurrection? What command is the greatest?

How do think Jesus did in answering these questions? Read Mark 12:34 and Luke 20:40