

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 23 **(January 28, 2026)**

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. What does Jesus' criticism of the scribes and Pharisees teach us about religious hypocrisy?
2. How does Jesus redefine greatness in His admonition to the disciples?
3. What can we learn from the "Seven Woes" about the dangers of legalism and losing sight of faith's heart?
4. How does Jesus' lament over Jerusalem underscore God's love for His people, even when they reject Him?
5. What practical steps can we take to ensure our religious practices are not merely outward shows but sincere acts of faith?
6. How does Jesus' rebuke of the religious leaders affect your understanding of spiritual authority and leadership?
7. How can we balance adherence to religious rules with prioritizing justice, mercy, and faith?
8. In what ways does Jesus' criticism of those appearing righteous externally but are internally corrupt challenge us to cultivate inner righteousness?
9. How does Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem's rejection impact your view of God's heart towards those who reject Him?
10. How do you respond to Jesus' assertion that the greatest must be a servant?