

Jesus Reaffirms God's Authority (Luke 20:1-19)

1. Jesus _____ in the Temple

¹ Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, *that* the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted *Him*

- a. **Jesus was teaching**
- b. **Jesus was evangelizing**
- c. **Leaders were hovering**

2. Leaders Challenge Jesus' _____

² and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?" ³ But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: ⁴ "The baptism of John-- was it from heaven or from men?" ⁵ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ⁶ "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where *it* was from. ⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

- a. **They question what authority Jesus had.**
- b. **They question who gave Jesus His authority.**
- c. **Jesus asks His own question about John's authority.**
- d. **The leaders reason among themselves.**
- e. **The leaders give a non-answer.**
- f. **Jesus declines to answer their questions.**

3. Jesus Tells the Parable of the _____

⁹ Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ "Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. ¹¹ "Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. ¹² "And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out. ¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.' ¹⁴ "But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ "So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him*. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ "He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others."

- a. **An owner rents his vineyard.**
- b. **The owner sends a servant to collect his rent.**
- c. **The owner sends a second servant.**
- d. **The owner sends a third servant.**
- e. **The owner sends his son.**
- f. **The farmers plan a strategy.**
- g. **The farmers carry out their plan.**
- h. **The owner responds.**

4. The Leaders _____

And when they heard *it* they said, "Certainly not!"

5. Jesus Reviews Prophecy

¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone' ?" ¹⁸ "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

- a. **The Rejected Stone _____ the Cornerstone**
- b. **The Rejected Stone _____ All That Oppose It**

6. The Leaders Seek to _____ Jesus

¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people-- for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

- a. **They wanted to grab him**
- b. **They feared the people**
- c. **The leaders were the focus of the parable**

Key Issues and Concepts

- 1. **The Rejection of God's _____**
This is *always* the issue – Satan, Garden of Eden, Mt 28:18
- 2. **The Rejection of God's _____**
- 3. **The Rejection of God's Clear _____**
- 4. **The Confirmation of God's Complete _____**
- 5. **The Confirmation of Sin's Final _____**
- 6. **The Confirmation of God's Complete _____**
Phil 2:10-11; Heb 10:12-13