



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 20 – Luke 20

People — Who is involved?

*The elders, chief priests and scribes make up the Sanhedrin, the Jewish high court.
Pharisees – the conservative sectarian party.
Sadducees – sectarian party that did not believe in resurrection and spirits.
Scribes – protectors of the Law in Israel.*

Places — Where does it happen?

In Jerusalem around the Temple.

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

*Vs 1 – This was probably on Tuesday of the week in which Jesus was crucified on Friday.
Vs 2 – The question basically asks who gave Jesus the right to do and teach what He was.
Vs 3 – Notice, Jesus does not answer directly. He had already answered by His teaching and works.
Vs 4 – Jesus had already identified John as a prophet (Luke 7:28). John had identified Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:29-34). If they believed John, they would accept Jesus as Messiah.
Vs 5 – This placed the religious leaders in a predicament.
Vs 9 – The owner is God; vinedressers are these rulers; servants are God’s prophets; the Son is Jesus.
Vs 16 – God would come and condemn the rulers and give His kingdom to others.
Vs 24 – A denarius was a coin valued at approximately the worth of a common laborer’s daily wage. Notice Jesus asked for a coin commonly used by them bearing the Emperor’s image.
Vs 25 – This essentially says that it is lawful to pay taxes...see Romans 13:1-7 (esp. vs. 6).
Vs 28 – This is a paraphrase of the Levirate (brother-in-law) Law stated in Deuteronomy 25:5. There are two explanations of this Law which the student might read: Genesis 38 & Ruth 3-4.
Vs 34 – This “world” or “age” is contrasted with existence in the eternal spiritual realm.
Vs 35 – Jesus affirms that there will be resurrection, there are angels, and there will be life after death.
Vs 37 – The burning bush passage is found in Exodus 3.
Vs 38 – Exodus 3:6, 15 speak of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob presently living.
Vs 39 – What the scribes said is included in Mark 12:28-34.
Vs 41 – Prophecy said Messiah would be born of the seed of David: 2 Sam. 7; Psa. 89, 132; Isa. 9, 11.
Vs 44 – Christ was Son of David (of his seed); but He is David’s Lord because He existed before David as the eternal Son of God.*

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. It is my responsibility to pay my taxes but I must also give to God my service and adoration.*
- 2. There is resurrection and life to come.*
- 3. Jesus Christ is the eternal Messiah who saves the world.*