

**JESUS CHRIST
SON OF MAN
THE MISSION OF JESUS - SPEAK TO US ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER**

1. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS IS QUESTIONED

- a. **Luke 20:1-47** One day as he was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. ²"Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" ³He replied, **"I will also ask you a question. Tell me,** ⁴John's baptism--was it from heaven, or from men?" ⁵They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Why didn't you believe him?'" ⁶But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet." ⁷So they answered, "We don't know where it was from."
⁸Jesus said, **"Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."**

I. ONE THING YOU MUST REMEMBER!!! HE WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION!

II. THIS IS A QUESTION ON RELIGIOUS MATTERS

III. JESUS WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION NOW, WITH A QUESTION!

(1) WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?

(2) IF THEY SAY THAT JOHN BAPTISM WAS FROM HEAVEN, THEN THAT MEANT THAT HE WAS THE FORE RUNNER OF THE MESSIAH. THEY COULD NOT DO THAT. IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD HAVE TO KNOWLEDGE JESUS FOR WHO HE IS.

2. JESUS WILL NOW ANSWER THE QUESTION! BY WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU TEACH? THE STORY OF THE FATHER!

- a. **Luke 20:8-18** ⁹He went on to tell the people this parable: **"A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.** ¹⁰At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹²He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" ¹⁷Jesus looked directly at them and asked, **"Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'?"** ¹⁸**Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."**

I. WHO IS THE MAN WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD?

(1) THE MAN IS THE FARMER IN PREVIOUS VERSUS WHO IS THE FATHER.

II. WHO DID HE RENT IT TO?

(1) THE JEWS, THIS PARABLE ALSO SHOWS THE REJECTION OF JESUS BY THE JEWS.

(2) NOTE: HE DID NOT GIVE IT TO THEM, HE GAVE IT TO THEM FOR A SEASON. MY TEACHING THAT GOD WILL ONE DAY SAY THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH ADAM [MAN] IS OVER. I AM TAKING BACK ALL THAT I MADE. [THE END OF THIS AGE]

III. WHAT DOES HE MEAN WHEN HE SAYS THAT HE SENT A SERVANT AND THEY THROW HIM OUT?

(1) **Matthew 23:37** **"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.**

(2) **Luke 13:33** **In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day-- for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!**

(3) **Hebrews 11:36-37.** Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated--

IV. WHAT IS THE NEXT THING THAT THE OWNER WILL DO?

- (1) ¹³"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him'
(A) HE SENDS HIS SON, JESUS ANSWERS THE QUESTION FOUND IN LUKE 20:2!!!!

V. JESUS NOW TELLS US WHAT THE JEWS ARE ABOUT TO DO!

- (1) ¹⁴"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

VI. JESUS NOW TELLS THE JEWS WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

- (1) What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others
(A) THE CHILDREN OF THE TENANTS WERE KILLED IN 70 A.D.
(B) HE GAVE THE VINEYARD TO OTHERS.
(i) **Matthew 21:43** "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.
1) WHY IS THE KINGDOM GIVEN TO ANOTHER PEOPLE?

VII. WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT HIMSELF?

- (1) 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'?
(A) THIS IS THE PART OF THE WALL THAT WILL KEEP THE ENTIRE WALL OR KINGDOM TOGETHER.
(2) ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces,
(a) **Isaiah 8:14** and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.
(b) **Luke 2:34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,
(3) but he on whom it falls will be crushed
(a) **Daniel 2:34-35** While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.
(b) **Daniel 2:44-45** "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

3. NOW THE NEXT QUESTION - WHAT ABOUT CIVIC MATTERS?

- A. Luke 20:19-26 ¹⁹The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. ²⁰Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. ²¹So the spies questioned him: "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. ²²Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ²³He saw through their duplicity and said to them, ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?" ²⁵"Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, ²⁶"Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²⁶They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

i. QUESTION ONE FOR US TODAY. DID THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF THAT TIME KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

(1) THE ANSWER, "YES, YES"

ii. THE PURPOSE OF THE QUESTION?

(1) HOW MANY TIMES TODAY ARE WE ASK A QUESTION, NOT BECAUSE SOME ONE WANTS INFORMATION BUT WANTS TO TRAP US?

iii. What was the lead in statement?

(1) "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.

(A) IF THIS IS TRUE, WHY DO THEY NOT LISTEN TO HIM?

iv. NOW THE QUESTION!

(1) ²²IS IT RIGHT FOR US TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR OR NOT?" ²³HE SAW THROUGH THEIR DUPLICITY AND SAID TO THEM

(A) ARE WE TO OBEY THE LOCAL LAW?

v. NOW THE ANSWER!

(1) ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?" ²⁵"Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, ²⁶"Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

(A) NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS ANSWER. GIVE TO MAN, WHAT IS MANS' GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GODS'

4. NOW A QUESTION ON DIVINE MATTERS. THOSE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD!..

- a. Luke 10: ²⁷⁻³⁸Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸"Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰The second ³¹and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³²Finally, the woman died too. ³³Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" ³⁴Jesus replied, ³⁵"The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁶But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁷and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁸But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

i. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS QUESTION?

(1) SOME THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NO RESURRECTION!

(2) THEY ARE NOW GOING TO ASK THE PERSON WITH THE ANSWER!

ii. THE QUESTION, MOSES GAVE US SOME LAWS, WHAT DO THEY MEAN IN THE MEANING OF TIME.

- III. THE ANSWER OF JESUS, NOTHING WRONG WITH THE LAW THAT MOSES GAVE.
 - (1) PEOPLE OF THIS AGE MARRY AND ARE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE.
- IV. BUT, THOSE THAT ARE WORTHY TO TAKE PART IN THE AGE TO COME WILL NEITHER MARRY NOR BE GIVEN IN MARRIAGE. THEY CAN NO LONGER DIE. THEY ARE LIKE THE ANGELS IN THIS MANNER. THEY WILL BE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.
- V. BUT YOUR REAL QUESTION, IS THERE A RESURRECTION? WE THINK NOT. THEY WOULD ONLY EXCEPT THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.
 - (1) I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES YOU ARE PROUD OF.
 - (A) MOSES SAID OF GOD, YOU ARE THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISACC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.
 - (i) GOD IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT THE GOD OF THE LIVING.
 - 1) THE DEAD WOULD NOT HAVE A GOD.
 - 2) THEY WOULD JUST BE DEAD.
- VI. FOR TO GOD ALL ARE ALIVE.

5. JESUS NOW WILL ASK A QUESTION?

- a. Luke 20:³⁹⁻⁴⁴ Some of the teachers of the law responded, "Well said, teacher!" ⁴⁰And no one dared to ask him any more questions. ⁴¹Then Jesus said to them, "**How is it that they say the Christ is the Son of David?**" ⁴²David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: " 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand ⁴³**until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.**" ' "
- i. **Matthew 20:30** Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"
- ii. **Psalms 110:1** Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
- B. JESUS WANTS PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IS GOING?
- C. THE LEADERS KNEW, DID THE TEACHERS?
 - I. THEY KNEW.

6. JESUS TELLS ALL WHO IS A PHARISEE

- a. Luke 20: ⁴⁴⁻⁴⁷ **David calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"** ⁴⁵While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁶**"Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets."** ⁴⁷They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."
- I. JESUS FIRST WARNS THE PEOPLE ABOUT A CLASS OF PEOPLE.
- II. THEN HE SAYS THAT THEY WILL BE PUNISHED.