



LIFEWork for the week starting November 21, 2021

## By Whose Authority? – Luke 20:1-26

PRAY – STUDY – SHARE

1. Read the text again, Luke 20:1-26. Without referencing the sermon, simply from the words of God itself, what stands out to you as an insight or what questions does it raise? THEN share any additional insights that emerged from this week's message.
2. Consider this sequence of events: Jesus' work in Jericho and then the Triumphal Entry and then His actions toward the money-changers and then His public preaching in the temple courts ... From their perspective, did Jesus break any laws?

Why do you believe that the religious leaders not arrest Jesus for these rebellious behaviors?

Can you think of any situations in today's world that would justify breaking the laws of the land?

3. Pastor mentioned that Jesus' response to questions always took into account the understanding of the questioner. Discuss how that can guide your personal outreach efforts.
4. One theologian wrote about this section: "If you do not recognize authority when you see it, no amount of arguing will convince you of it." (Geldenhuys) But Jesus used other methods of challenging people's perception of truth and often these were not gentle interactions. His methods seemed to align more with the standard methods of apologetics of His era. Some of those would likely not be productive today. What do you think Jesus would "tweet" out to our culture today in response to some of those issues that are clearly against His word such as: universalism – the promotion and acceptance of sexual sin – the hate between races?
5. Read Isaiah 5 and discuss comparisons to the parable that Jesus told in Luke 20. And how would you receive Jesus' words if you were one of the Jewish religious leadership?
6. I am always asking myself, "What would I think if I heard Jesus say ...?" Read verses 13-15 with that lens. You would have to decide, "Is he an absolute crazy heretic ... or do I give ANY substance to His words?" Please discuss these next observations: We watched critics who had already made up their minds regardless of the facts/evidence, come out vehemently against the Rittenhouse verdict this week. One thing we can learn from Luke 20 and our current events, Jesus would always want us to listen to every discussion and situation with objective and self-aware ears and hearts and respond accordingly.



# AUTHORITY

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CONTEXT - SKIPPED A SCENE - NEW ROLE

- Triumphal entry
- Warnings from the Pharisees
- Tears over the holy city
- Disgust with the greedy and disrespectful
- Claiming His space

2 questions

- (1) Who do you think you are?
- (2) By whose AUTHORITY do you operate?  
CHECK!

2 questions

- (1) By whose authority did JOHN preach?
- (2) Why did you not honor, listen, or condemn him?  
CHECKMATE!  
Therefore ...

Through the parable, Jesus EXPOSES their sin  
PREDICTS their FUTURE  
Isaiah 5 & Jeremiah 2 & Psalm 18

Well then, where DO we have AUTHORITY

WHO'S ASKING?

drachma or denarius  
the image of RULERS vs the image of GOD

NICELY PLAYED