

**Luke 20:45-47; 21:1-6**

<sup>45</sup> While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” ...As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” <sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

**JESUS SAW RE: THE POMPOUS, THE PIOUS, AND THE PILES.****The Pompous (20:45-47)**

I feel its important to remind us of the emphasis Luke places on Jesus’ interaction with the religious leaders.

In Luke 5:30, the teachers approach the disciples and rebuke them for hanging out with sinners.

In Luke 6:7,11, the teachers start to plot against Jesus and how they might accuse him of something.

In Luke 9:22, Jesus declares he will be rejected by the Jewish spiritual leaders.

In Luke 11:53, the teachers of the law ramp up their opposition and begin to pepper him with questions.

In Luke 12:1, Jesus warns his disciples to be on their guard against the teaching of the Pharisees

In Luke 19:47 Luke reports that the plot against Jesus has been elevated to premeditated murder.

In Luke 20 Jesus defends himself from the onslaught of the Pharisees devious questions.

In Luke 20:46 We find Luke’s final warning from Jesus to beware of the teachers of the law.

Jesus presents a series of five “I SPY” visuals concerning the Pharisees his disciples **MUST AVOID!**

1. They like to walk around in flowing robes
2. and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces
3. and [love to] have the most important seats in the synagogues
4. and [love to have] the places of honor at banquets.

*Open your Eyes!*

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**The Pious (21:1-4)**

Jesus instructs his disciples to open their eyes to the hypocrisy of the teachers of the law, NOW he draws their attention to the row of giving boxes along a wall in the courts of the temple with various designations for people to help maintain the Temple or deposit free will love offerings as an act of worship to the Lord.

**Isaiah 1:10-15**

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom;

listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> “The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?” says the Lord.

“I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals;

I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup> **Stop bringing meaningless offerings!** Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— **I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.**

<sup>14</sup> Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you;

even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening.

**The Pile (21:5-6)**