

In Danger Of Being Stoned

Luke 20:1-19

Luke 20:1: Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel.

- The temple was now cleansed.
- Prayer in the temple was restored.
- Jesus was teaching daily in the temple.
- All the people are very attentive to hear Him.
- Jesus preached the gospel.

Mark 1:15: The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 16:15-16: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

Luke 20:1-2: 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 and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what **authority** are You **doing these things?** Or who is he who gave You this **authority?**"

Luke 20:3-4: But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: **the baptism of John** - was it from **heaven** or from **men?**"

Luke 20:5-8: And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From **heaven,**' He will say, 'Why then did you not **believe him?**' But if we say, 'From **men,**' all the people will **stone us,** for they are persuaded that John was a **prophet.**" So they answered **that they did not know** where it was from. And Jesus said to them, "**Neither will I tell you** by what **authority** I do these things."

Luke 1:15-17: He will also be **filled with the Holy Spirit,** even from his mother's **womb.** And he will **turn** many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, '**to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,**' and the **disobedient** to the **wisdom of the just,** to **make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**

John 1:35: He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

Luke 20:9-15: Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man (owner - God) planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers (farmers - Jewish leaders), and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time (grape harvest) 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. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son (Jesus). Probably they will respect him when they see him.' 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.' So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?"

Luke 20:16: He will come and destroy those vinedressers (70 AD) and give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not! (May it never be!)"

Luke 20:17: Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: The stone which the builders rejected."

Luke 20:18: Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

Luke 20:19: 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.

Matthew 21:41-42: He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Matthew 21:43: Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

John 15:5: I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.

- **Fruit of Spirit** (Galatians 5:22)
- **Good works** (Colossians 1:10)
- **Financial giving** (Philippians 4:17)
- **Holiness** (Romans 6:22)
- **Praise, fruit of our lips** (Hebrews 13:15)
- **Leading others to Jesus** (John 4:36)

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Romans 11:25-27: For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, then I take away their sins.

Ezekiel 36:24-27: For I will take you from among the nations, **gather you out of all countries**, and bring you into **your own land** (170 verses). Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be **clean**; I will **cleans** you from **all your filthiness** and from **all your idols**. I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit within you**; I will take the **heart of stone** out of your flesh and give you a **tender** and **responsive** heart. I will put **My Spirit within you** and **cause you to walk in My statutes**, and you will **keep My judgments** and **do them**.



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