

Luke's Gospel: The Temple enters the temple.

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Text: Luke 19:45-48, 20:1-8

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Luke 19

45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

Banished from the temple.

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

Are you hanging on Jesus's Word?

Luke 20

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up 2 and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." 3 He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, 4 was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" 5 And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." 7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from. 8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Asking Jesus questions that He won't answer.

Food for Thought for the week of September 19, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

As you think about these questions, remember that God's Word is living and active, able to time-travel, and has been written for you.

1. Where are you in the passage? Picture yourself standing in the crowd, listening to Jesus. What are you feeling? Conviction? Compassion? Is He looking at you?
2. Now imagine that Jesus has finished speaking and you approach Him. He smiles and welcomes you over. What do you want to ask Him?
3. As you listen to His Spirit and continue to reflect on the story, how does He answer you? What else is He saying to you?
4. Part of responding to God's Word is realizing that His grace is the fuel that will enable you. Do you sense His grace at work in your heart? What is He asking you to do next?

