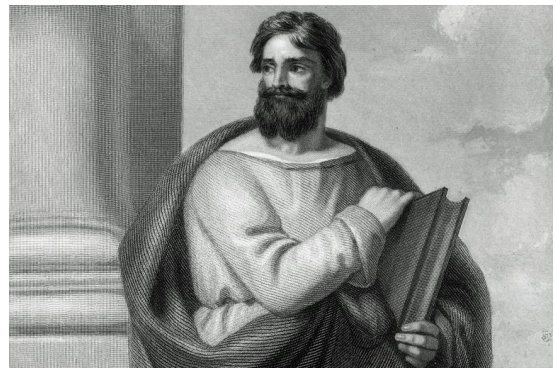


# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

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## LUKE 20

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### “BY WHAT AUTHORITY...?” (VV. 1-8)

- What was Jesus doing, when the chief priests, scribes, and elders confronted Him about His authority?
  - Mark 11:15-18 implies that this question was asked when?
  - Matthew 21:12ff implies that this question was asked when?
  - ...so what can we conclude probably prompted the question about Jesus' authority?
- How did Jesus answer their question?
  - How did Jesus' question put them into a “no win” situation?
    - What had John said about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
    - How did the chief priests, etc. know this? (see John 1:19-29)
  - How did the chief priests, scribes, and elders “answer” Jesus' question?
  - What should the chief priests, etc. have known about Jesus?
    - What evidences did they already have?
    - Why do you think they didn't believe?
    - Do people do this today?

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### THE EVIL VINE-GROWERS (VV. 9-18)

- In this parable, who are the following?
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- The man who planted a vineyard —
- The vine-growers —
- The long time —
- The slaves sent to the vine-growers —
- The son sent to the vine-growers —
- The vengeance the vineyard owner took on the vine-growers —
- Why do you think the evil vine-growers acted this way?
  - Why do you think the Jews acted this way?
- Do you think the chief priest, scribes, and elders understood Jesus' parable?
  - Why?
- Where does the reference to the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone come from?
  - Why does this reference conclude with "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- What did Jesus mean, when He said that everyone who would fall on that Cornerstone would be broken to pieces and whomever the Cornerstone would fall on would be crushed to dust?
  - In the first instance, is the stone active or passive?
  - In the second instance, is the stone active or passive?
  - If the stone is Jesus Christ, in what way are men broken in His passive sense?
  - If the Stone is Jesus Christ, in what way are men broken in His active sense?
- Verse 16 is often cited as proof of "supersessionism" (the church superseding the Jewish nation); what do you think?
- What can we learn from the parable of the evil vine-growers?

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## TRIBUTE TO CAESAR? (VV. 19-26)

- Why were the Jewish authorities trying to find something wrong with Jesus' teachings and words?
  - How were they going about it?

- What was the trick embedded in the question posed by the scribes and chief priests here?
  - What were the Jewish authorities hoping Jesus would answer with this question?
  - How did Jesus answer?
- What did Jesus mean by “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s”?
- What should we render to Caesar? (see Romans 13:7)
- What should we render to God?



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## **QUESTION ABOUT THE RESURRECTION (VV. 27 - 40)**

- Who is questioning Jesus now?
- What is the Mosaic law that they are referencing in their story?
  - In what way did the Sadducees think they were cornering Jesus?
- How did Jesus put a stake in the heart of their foolish question?
  - From what book did Jesus quote in His answer?
  - Why is this significant?
  - According to Matt. 22:29 what was their primary shortcoming?
- What do we learn here about marriage and the resurrection?
- What was the scribes’ assessment about Jesus’ answers?
- Why would it take courage for someone like the scribes or chief priests to ask Jesus a question?

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## JESUS HAS A QUESTION FOR THEM (VV. 41 - 44)

- Did the Jewish authorities believe that the Messiah was going to be David's son?
  - What did they not recognize that Jesus is here trying to get them to see?
- Parse this out...
  - 'THE LORD (who is this? \_\_\_\_\_) SAID TO MY (who is this? \_\_\_\_\_) LORD (who is this \_\_\_\_\_), "SIT AT MY (who is this \_\_\_\_\_) RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR (who is this \_\_\_\_\_) ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"
  - Written more plainly: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- In other words: The Messiah would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Of what did the Sanhedrin "convict" Jesus in His trial?
  - Why?
  - What had they still not understood?

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## BEWARE HYPOCRISY (VV. 45 - 47)

- Do you suppose by v. 45 that all the chief priests, scribes, elders, and their spies had left Jesus' crowd?
- What does Jesus warn the people and the disciples about in v. 46?
  - How do you suppose this went over?
- What did the scribes love?
  - What were they posing as?
- What evils were they committing?
  - How do they try to cover it up later in the Temple and synagogues?
- What does Jesus say about such behavior?