

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Controversy Over Jesus' Authority

Luke 20:1-26

The Question of Jesus' Authority

Luke 20:1-8

Luke 20:1-8 (ESV)

¹One 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

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²and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.”

Luke 20:1-8 (ESV)

³He answered them, “I also will ask you a question.
Now tell me,

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⁴“was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?”

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⁵And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’

Luke 20:1-8 (ESV)

“But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”

Luke 20:1-8 (ESV)

⁷So they answered that they did not know where it came from.

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⁸And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

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Jesus' Authority Comes from God

Luke 20:9-19

Luke 20:9-19 (ESV)

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

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¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

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¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

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¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.

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¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

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¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

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¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

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¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

Luke 20:9-19 (ESV)

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

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¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

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¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

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The Authority of God and Government

Luke 20:20-26

Luke 20:20-26 (ESV)

²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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²¹So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.

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²²Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

Luke 20:20-26 (ESV)

²³But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them,

Luke 20:20-26 (ESV)

²⁴“Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.”

Luke 20:20-26 (ESV)

²⁵He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Luke 20:20-26 (ESV)

²⁶And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

A Denarius



"Tiberius Caesar, son of divine Augustus,
emperor (Augustus)."



"High priest"

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