

**A Study of the Gospel of Luke, Part Two**  
**Lesson 16**

- **Read Luke 20:1–26** to get an overview of the passage for this week. Keep in mind the courage of Jesus to minister in such a toxic environment, his confidence in his calling, and his resolve to complete the work he had been given to do by the Father (Jn. 17:4).
  - **Now read Luke 19:47–48** for context and continue on through Luke 20:8.
1. What do we know about Jesus' routine while in Jerusalem? (v. 1; Lk. 21:37–38)

2. Who challenges Jesus' authority to teach and preach in the temple courts? (vv. 1–2)

What do you think they hope to accomplish by challenging him?

3. Jesus refuses to answer the religious leaders' question directly.
  - a. How does he respond? (vv. 3–4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does his question reveal about these religious leaders?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is the answer to the religious leaders' question about Jesus' authority? (Dan. 7:13–14; Lk. 10:22; Jn. 8:28–29)



► **Read Luke 20:20–26.**

9. In this next passage, the religious leaders who oppose Jesus are still acting behind the scenes. What plan do they hatch instead of responding in repentance to the parable? (v. 20)
  
10. How do the spies try to disguise their intentions? (v. 21; 📖\* Ps. 62:4)
  
11. Why doesn't Jesus fall for their deceit? (v. 23; 📖 Mt. 9:4; Jn. 2:24–25)
  
12. No matter how deceitful or clever Jesus' adversaries, he proves himself wiser and more clever. How does his answer<sup>1</sup> to their question demonstrate this? (vv. 24–25)
  
13. What effect does Jesus' answer have even on these enemies? (v. 26)
  
14. Jesus' adversaries are intent on finding a reason to accuse and kill him, but in the end have to rely on deceit and lies. Ask God to make you just as intent to see the loveliness of Jesus, his perfection, obedience, and sacrifice for you.

\*📖 For further study

<sup>1</sup> At his trial in Luke 23:1–2 these very words will be twisted.