



THE GREATEST WEEK IN HISTORY

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Tuesday/Wednesday: *The Issue Is Authority*

Luke's Spirit-inspired goal of revealing Jesus as the long-awaited Servant King is especially clear in the chapters leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the space of a few chapters, the Righteous One is wrongly accused; the Messiah becomes a martyr; the King is crucified as a common criminal; the perfect Servant of God becomes a sacrifice for the sins of the world and then rises from the dead in glorious triumph.

The story of this week is inspiring, but it is far more than a mere story! This week was the greatest week *in history*, and it matters deeply whether these events really happened in the ways that the Gospel-writers reported them. If these events did not occur in history, “your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17). But if these events did truly happen in history—and I firmly believe that they did—eternal life has been made available through Jesus Christ to everyone who trusts in Him.

The purpose of this Bible Study is to look closely at the final days of Jesus' earthly life from the perspective of Luke's Gospel.

Read Luke 20:1–21:36

According to Luke 20:1-2 authority is a major issue today as it was in Jesus' day.

Is there anything in your life that indicates that you don't completely trust his authority?



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Read Luke 21:37-38

Explain how these verses seem to describe Jesus' routine during these days?

Read Luke 20:1-8

Why did Jesus refuse to explain by what authority He did "these things?"

Why would a group of chief priests, scribes, and elders ask this after they had observed all that Jesus had done?



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Read Luke 20:20-26

Use the chart below and share ways that Jesus' authority is challenged today by both Believers and Non-believers

BELIEVERS	NON-BELIEVERS

Read Luke 20:45-21:4

Summarize the contrast Jesus was drawing in these passages as it relates to authority



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Read Luke 21:7-28

Identify phrases or words that describe Jesus' authority during this time?

What were some of your thoughts or fears as you read these verses?

If you were told by Jesus that this would happen to you, would you trust in His authority?
Why or why not?



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What is the visible evidence in your life that Jesus is your ultimate authority?

How can you put into practice this week Jesus' instructions in Luke 21:34-36?

When you see Jesus' authority being challenged, how should you respond, based on how you saw Jesus respond in these passages?