

Luke 20

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, we see the leaders of people seeking to accuse the Lord Jesus in many ways in order to destroy Him. But the Lord Jesus' wisdom is beyond the human mind, and they were not able to catch Him in His words before the people. **Luke 20:1-8.** *The authority of the Lord Jesus challenged.* The Lord Jesus was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to question Him, who gave Him the authority to do these things. Still, the Lord Jesus perceived their craftiness and told the people the parable of the farmers and the heir. **Luke 20:9-18.** *The parable of the farmers and the heir.* The Lord Jesus told this parable more than once when He was challenged by different groups of leaders and people (See Comments Mark 12:1-12). For each group, when they come, their challenge has a different purpose, and the Lord has told the same thing to them, and each time, the parable will affect each heart in different areas. **Luke 20:19-26.** *Give back the things of God and the things of Caesar.* The scribes and the chief priests tried to make accusations against the Lord Jesus to the ruling government but could not find fault in the Lord Jesus' answer. **Luke 20:27-40.** *The Lord Jesus teaches about the resurrection.* The Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, try to find fault in the Lord Jesus' teaching. Answering them, the Lord Jesus teaches that God is not the God of the dead but of the living, and the sons of the resurrection do not marry but are like angels. **Luke 20:41-44.** *Whose Son is the Christ?* The Lord Jesus asks the leaders to answer Him about how it would be possible for David to call Christ his Lord when He is his Son. **Luke 20:45-47.** The Lord Jesus teaches His disciple to beware of the scribes.

¹ And it came to pass, on one of the days, as **He** was teaching the people in the temple, and proclaiming the good news, came up the chief priests and the scribes with the elders,

Comments 20:1. For verses 1 to 8, see Comments Matthew 21:23-27 and Comments Mark 11:27-33.

² and spoke, saying to **Him**, Tell us by what authority do **Thou** these things? or who is he that gave to **Thee** this authority?

³ And answering **He** said to them, **I** also will ask you one thing; and tell **Me**:

⁴ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?

⁵ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven, **He** will say, Why did you not believe him?

⁶ But if we shall say, From men, all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.

⁷ And they answered, they knew not from where.

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

⁹ And **He** began to speak to the people this parable: A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it out to farmers, and went away for some time.

Comments 20:9. For verses 9 to 18, see Comments Matthew 21:33-46 and Comments Mark 12:1-12.

¹⁰ And at the season he sent to the farmers a servant, that they should give him of the fruit from the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

¹¹ And he sent again another servant; and him also they beat and dishonored and sent away empty-handed.

¹² And he sent again a third; and him also they wounded and cast out.

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

¹⁴ But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned one with another, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

¹⁵ And they cast him **outside** of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the **master** of the vineyard do **to** them?

¹⁶ He will come and **will** destroy these **farmers**, and will give the vineyard **to** others. And **having** heard it, they said, **May it be not.**

¹⁷ But he looked **at** them, and said, What then is this that **has been** written,
The stone which **those building** rejected,
This **has become into** the head of the corner

¹⁸ Everyone that **falls** on that stone shall be broken **in** pieces; but on **whomever** it shall fall, it will **grind him into powder.**

Comments 20:18. See Comments Matthew 21:43-44. In the Old Testament, see Isaiah 8:14-15.

¹⁹ And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on **Him** in that hour, and they feared the people, for they perceived that **He spoke** this parable against them.

Comments 19:20. For verses 19 to 26, see Comments Matthew 22:15-22 and Comments Mark 12:13-17.

²⁰ And they watched **Him**, and sent **out** spies, who **pretend** themselves to be righteous, that they might **catch Him in talk, in order** to deliver **Him** to the rule and to the authority of the governor.

²¹ And they **questioned Him**, saying, **Teacher**, we know that **Thou speak** and **teach** rightly, **and show no partiality**, but **on the bases** of truth **teach** the way of **God**:

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

²³ But **He** perceived their craftiness, and said **to** them,

²⁴ Show **Me** a denarius. Whose image and **inscription have** it? And they said, Caesar's.

²⁵ And **He** said **to** them, Then **give back** the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of **God to God.**

²⁶ And they were not able to **catch Him in His word** before the people, and they marveled at **His** answer, and **they became silent.**

²⁷ And there came to **Him** certain of the Sadducees, **who** say that there is **not a** resurrection,

Comments 20:27. For verses 27 to 38, see Comments Matthew 22:23-32 and Comments Mark 12:18-27.

²⁸ saying, **Teacher**, Moses wrote **to** us, that if **anyone's** brother **should** die, having a wife, and he be childless, his brother should take the wife, and **should** raise up **offspring to** his brother.

²⁹ There were therefore seven **brothers**, and the first took a wife, and died childless;

³⁰ and the second, **took her as the wife and he died childless**

³¹ and the third took her; and likewise, **all** seven, **and** left no children, and died.

³² Afterward the woman also died.

³³ In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them will **the woman** be? For the seven had her **as** wife.

³⁴ And **Jesus** said **to** them, The sons of this **age** marry, and are given in marriage;

³⁵ but **those** that are accounted worthy to attain to that **age**, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage;

³⁶ for neither can they die **anymore**, for they are **like** angels; and are sons of **God**, being sons of the resurrection.

³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed **at** the **Bush**, when he **calls** the **Lord** the **God** of Abraham, and the **God** of Isaac, and the **God** of Jacob.

³⁸ Now **He** is not the **God** of the dead, but of the living; for all live **to Him.**

³⁹ And certain of the scribes answering said, **Teacher**, **Thou** have **spoken** well.

Comments 20:39. For verses 39 to 44, see Comments Matthew 22:43-46.

⁴⁰ For they **dared no longer** ask **Him** anything.

⁴¹ And **He** said **to** them, How say they the **Christ** to be the **Son** of David?

⁴² For David himself **says** in the book of Psalms,

The **Lord** said **to** my **Lord**,

Sit **at** **My** right hand,

⁴³ **Until I** make **Thine** enemies the footstool of **Thy** feet.

⁴⁴ David therefore **calls Him Lord**, and how is **He** his **Son**?

Comments 20:41-44. In these verses, the Lord Jesus argues that Christ cannot be a human descendant of David since David calls Him Lord. He asks them to answer Him about how it would be possible for David to call Christ his Lord when He is his Son.

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people **He** said **to the** disciples,

⁴⁶ Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and **first** seats in the synagogues, and **first** places at feasts;

⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers, these **will** receive **more abundant** condemnation.

Comments 20:45-47. For verses 45 to 47, see Comments Matthew 23:1, 2, 5-7 and Comments Mark 12:38-40.

Life and Faith Applications. 1) Give back the things of God. Everything belongs to God; you cannot really give anything but your heart, the heart that recognizes the authority of God, which is the only thing worthy of giving back to the Lord. 2) Give back the things of Caesar. As a human, you have a duty to support the leaders by paying taxes according to the law of the land. The Lord has used comparison with Caesar to teach us this: what is of humans give back to humans, but you cannot give your heart to any human; your heart belongs to God. 3) Beware of false teachers of the Bible. Read and meditate on the Word of God so you can recognize them.