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Rejecting The King's Authority

Luke 20:1-8

NOTES:

REVIEW: Luke 19:28-48: Jesus's Arrival In Jerusalem

Remember...

King Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. (Luke 19:28-40)

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem's hardened heart. (Luke 19:41-45)

Jesus cleanses the temple, and his enemies plot against him. (Luke 19:46-48)

Jesus Challenges Their Ways, So They Challenge His Authority (Luke 20:1-2)

Luke 20:1 One 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 2 and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority."

Blind Refusal Motivated by Stubborn Self-Preservation (Luke 20:3-6)

1) The Jewish leaders are set on preserving their way of life. (vv.3-5)

Luke 20:3 He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, 4 was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?" 5 And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'

2) The Jewish leaders are concerned with preserving their literal lives. (v.6)

Luke 20:6 But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

King Jesus Refuses to Entertain the Denial of His Authority (Luke 20:7-8)

Luke 20:7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from. 8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) When King Jesus challenged their way of life, the Jewish leaders responded by challenging him in return, rather than consider the possibility of what lesus was teaching. How do you respond when you hear Jesus say things that challenge your way of life?
- 2) When faced with the ultimatum, the lewish leaders missed the reality of what was before them and decided to respond to Jesus not by what he said and did, but by how their answers might disrupt their lives. Pray for the Holy Spirit to protect you from making this same mistake in your daily life.
- 3) All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to King Jesus (Matt. 28:18). Do you truly believe and trust in the authority of Jesus? Write down some ways that you can grow to live in clear allegiance and submission to that authority. Pray daily for God to help grow that trust.

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