

ESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13.....Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16.....Celebrate?
- 3) 21 Mar..... Luke 17-18.....Worthy?
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48.....Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24:1-12.....Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27.....Sinners?
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21.....Cornerstone**
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30.....Remembered
- 9) 02 May..... Luke 22:31-53.....Willing
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71.....Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23.....Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35.....Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53.....Commissions

INTRODUCTION

- Scripture says we are to give to whosoever asks something of us. So why did Jesus not give the scribes the answer they were looking for?

Passage	Comments
Luke 20:1-8	<p>Jesus' Authority is Challenged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was asked a very simple question “who gave you authority to clean house?” The short direct answer was He needed no authority since it was His house • But Jesus asked the scribes a question. If the scribes had said John's baptism was from “Heaven” this would have been the answer to their question to Jesus • Principle. Scripture says we are to give to whosoever asks something of us. So why did Jesus not give the scribes the answer they were looking for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Answer: There is a higher priority principle – do not cast pearls before swine (Mat 7:6). Though, we are to give to those who ask of us, including giving an answer when asked for the hope that lies within us, BUT not when doing so will cause fools to harm us ♦ When the Scribes & Pharisees asked for a sign from Jesus, He pointed that “evil generation” to the Word of God (Jonah).....Mat 12:38-40 ♦ ...Even Herod was very glad to see Jesus and was hoping to see a miracle from Him – BUT Jesus didn't even give him the time of day Luke 23:8-9 ♦ ...Nor did Jesus give another free meal to those who asked for it. Instead, Jesus told them to seek the bread that leads to eternal life John 6:26-27
20:9-19	<p>The Parable of the Vineyard Owner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v16. The Climax of the Parable: The Owner will come and destroy the caretakers of the vineyard and give the vineyard over to others (i.e., the Gentiles). • Jesus told this parable as another last ditch effort to get the religious leaders to see the peril they were in • Consider all God has done for Israel over the eons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Migrated them out of Egypt miraculously ♦ Sustained them for 40 years in the desert ♦ Gave them a fruitful Promised Land ♦ Blessed and protected them when they obeyed ♦ Chastised them when they went off course ♦ Gave them prophets to turn them back ♦ Finally, gave them His Son who would die for them • What more can God do? Or “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?” ... Isa 5:4
20:20-26	<p>God vs Caesar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What tough questions would we want to ask Jesus? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Which denomination is the best? ♦ Do all babies go to Heaven? ♦ When will the Rapture take place? ♦ Who will be the anti-Christ? ♦ When will COVID be over? ♦ Other questions?

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20:27-46	<p>The Sadducees vs the Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv27-45. Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection or in angels. Christ politely put them in their place by adequately interpreting Scripture for them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Can we be that good with Scripture? We should be! • vv46-47. Principle – How do we “beware” of bad leaders? <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge them? <input type="checkbox"/> Find another church?
21:1-4	<p>The Widow's Gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle #1. We can be poor but still faithful in giving • Principle #2. God's promised blessing of receiving 30x, 60x, or 100-fold does not always mean in dollars, nor does it mean receiving it this side of Glory.
21:5-19	<p>The End Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This prophecy seems to have a dual meaning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans 2. Great tribulation recorded in Revelations • vv5-12. The End Times are predicated on there being wars, plagues (e.g. COVID?), famine, earthquakes, & great signs in Heaven. Are we there yet? • vv12-18. NOT YET. Before all these events, there will be a persecution of God's people, partially fulfilled in the 1st Century (persecution of Jews) and will be ultimately fulfilled later with persecution of saints in the Tribulation – then comes wars, plagues, earthquakes, & signs in heaven on a scale that will be more earth-shocking than current COVID crisis (about half the earth or 4B will be killed, cf Rev 6:8; 9:18) • v19. Godly endurance/perseverance leads to life. – Equivalent to working out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12). This does not mean salvation by works, but an “abundant” or purposeful life with “profit that increases our account” Phil 4:17 • vv20-23. Partial fulfilment in the 1st Century destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans • v24. Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled. Guess what? We are still in the time of the Gentiles
21:25-38	<p>The Return of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a lesson all to itself with a dive into Revelations • vv34-36. Be on guard & PRAY for strength/wisdom How? <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study? <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship? <input type="checkbox"/> Other ways? • v37. What did Jesus do all night on Mt Olivet? ..Lk 6:12 • v38. Would we get up early to intentionally go to a Bible study before work – & with no coffee & donuts? If the teacher and the teachings were exceptional, many would indeed, and many have done so.

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- All the questions we have in life are addressed in Scripture. We may not like the answers, or realize all the principles involved, but God's word is sufficient and profitable for teaching doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness **2Timothy 3:16-17**

NEXT WEEK: Luke 22:1-30. Satan enters Judas to work a shameful deed and the other disciples argue about who is the greatest. It seems Jesus didn't exactly pick the A Team, but would we do any better?

