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?

- 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 20:9–19.

A vineyard was a familiar scene to the people of both the Old and New Testaments that was used effectively to communicate spiritual truths. In this passage, Jesus shows the sweep of history in the parable of the tenants and the vineyard.

- 5. Let's identify some of the characters in the parable.
 - a. Who is the landowner who planted a vineyard? (Is. 5:1-7)
 - b. Who are the servants who were sent to the vineyard? (Heb. 1:1-2)
 - c. Who are the tenants who reject, abuse, and kill those sent to the vineyard? (Mt. 16:21)
- 6. Even after all that the tenants have done to his servants, what does the landowner do that shows he refuses to abandon his vineyard? (v. 13; Rom. 5:6–8; 8:32)
- 7. Jesus, the son finally sent to the vineyard, will not only be rejected and abused, but will also be killed by the tenants. What does this parable reveal about the religious leaders? (vv. 14–15a; 1 Pet. 2:7–8)

8. What will God, the landowner, do in response to the rejection and murder of his beloved son? v. 16a; Mt. 8:10–12

v. 16b; Mt. 21:43

► 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; \square * 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 answer¹ 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.