



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

JESUS IN THE HOT SEAT LUKE 20:1-40

INTRODUCTION: Although God never discourages sincere questions, He does react differently to questions that are designed to rationalize our disbelief and disobedience. Today we are going to discover how Jesus responded to three tough questions and learn three principles for responding to questions when we find ourselves in the “hot seat.”

I. The Question of Jesus' Identity (Luke 20:1-18)

A. The Religious Leaders' Question

Luke 20:1-2 ¹“And it came about on one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him, ²and they spoke, saying to Him, ‘Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?’”

B. Jesus' Reply To The Leaders (Luke 20:3-8)

Luke 20:3-4 ³“And He answered and said to them, ‘I shall also ask you a question, and you tell Me: ⁴Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?’”

C. Jesus' Parable To The People (Luke 20:9-18)

Luke 20:13 “And the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’”

Luke 20:16 “He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, ‘May it never be!’”

D. Jesus' Application (Luke 20:17-18)

Luke 20:17-18 ¹⁷“But He looked at them and said, ‘What then is this that is written, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE?” ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

1 Peter 2:6-8. ⁶“For this is contained in Scripture: ‘BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER STONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.’ ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER STONE,’ ⁸ and, ‘A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE’; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.”

II. The Question of Government's Authority (Luke 20:19-27)

Luke 20:21-22 ²¹“And they questioned Him, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. ²²Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?’”

Luke 20:24 “‘Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?’ And they said, ‘Caesar’s.’”

Romans 13:1-2 ¹“Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.”

III. The Question About Eternity (Luke 20:27-40)

A. The Question About Marriage In Heaven (Luke 20:27-33)

Luke 20:29-33 ²⁹“Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died childless; ³⁰ and the second ³¹ and the third took her; and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally the woman died also. ³³ In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife.”

B. Jesus' Answer About Marriage And The Resurrection (Luke 20:34-38)

1. Regarding Marriage (Luke 20:34-36)

Luke 20:34-36 ³⁴“And Jesus said to them, ‘The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered 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.’”

2. Regarding The Resurrection (Luke 20:37-38)

Luke 20:37-38 ³⁷“But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where 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.”

C. The Sadducees' Response (Luke 20:39-40)

Luke 20:39-40 ³⁹“And some of the scribes answered and said, ‘Teacher, You have spoken well.’ ⁴⁰ For they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.”

IV. When You Find Yourself In The Hot Seat . . .

Luke 21:12-13 ¹²“But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. ¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.”

A. Be Mindful

B. Be Biblical

C. Be Courageous

Matthew 10:28: “And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell.”

Conclusion