

**Sermon: The Authority of Jesus.**  
**Series: Luke: Good News for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 20:1-18**  
**Date: February 22, 2026**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Discuss: In general, do you struggle with authority?
- b) The religious leaders feared losing power if they were to submit to Jesus. What fears make it difficult for you to turn over all authority to Jesus? (fear of losing autonomy, fear of sacrifice, fear of failure)

**2. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Think about the parable of the vineyard. Since the beginning, we have struggled to let God be the authority over us. This happens when we start to believe that we should be owners rather than tenants (stewards). What helps you to remember that God is the owner and you are the tenant? Can you recognize any areas of your life where you are still trying to be the owner (finances, time, sexuality, relationships, work, ministry)?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) In Luke 20:1-8, Jesus is claiming to have divine authority. What authority does Jesus claim in each of these verses: John 17:2; 5:27; Matthew 9:6? What should be your response to these claims of Christ?
- b) How does the preservation of the vineyard (Israel) demonstrate the grace and mercy of God? Where does the church fit into the "vineyard?" Consider John 15:1-11.
- c) In verse 18, Jesus describes himself as the stone. Some will fall on the stone and be broken and others will be crushed by the stone. Which of these are you and why?

**APPLICATION**

- a) We are now the fruitful vineyard of Christ created in him for good works. Where can you see Christ producing fruit in your life these days?
- b) Read Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus has all authority in Heaven and Earth. How does this truth allow us to confidently fulfill his Great Commission? What will be your next step of obedience in submitting to Jesus and fulfilling his command to "go make disciples?"

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for being the owner who would preserve his vineyard (his people).
- Confess ways that you have struggled to make Jesus your authority.
- Thank Jesus for bringing you into his vineyard so that you might bear fruit for God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to trust the authority of Jesus and go make disciples.