

Sermon: The Immanent and Transcendent

Jesus.

Series: *Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.*

Scripture: Luke 20:19-21:4

Date: March 1, 2026

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 God?

a) God is both transcendent (far beyond and above us) and imminent (close to us, with us). How does Jesus demonstrate both the transcendence and imminence of God in this passage?

b) Tim pointed out that the religious leaders wanted a God who was transcendent but not imminent. They wanted to use the idea of God to keep power and control while rejecting a God that was close enough to challenge them. Where can you see this happening in our culture? In your own life?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Read Luke 20:45-47. Can you identify any areas of hypocrisy like the scribes had in your own life? Is there anything you do just to be noticed or recognized?

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

a) Re-read Luke 20:41-44. Jesus quotes Psalm 110 in which David refers to his “son” the Messiah his “lord” or master. But David would never call his son his lord unless there was something special about this son. Talk together about how this is a claim to divinity by Jesus. Compare this to Hebrews 10:12-13.

b) Read Luke 20:27-40. What truths do we learn about our resurrection life with Christ? In what ways do these truths encourage you?

c) Think about Luke 21:1-4. In what way is the widow’s giving a picture of the giving of Christ (2 Cor. 8:9)? In what way does the self-giving of Christ compel us to make sure the vulnerable don’t have to give all they have?

APPLICATION

a) In verse 24, Jesus tells us to give to Caesar what is his and to God what is his – his image. What are some of the applications of this incredible teaching for us today? “Give to God what is God’s” - What part of your life do you still need to give to God?

PRAYER

- Praise God for being the transcendent God who became imminent through Christ.
- Confess ways that you have lived hypocritically like the scribes.
- Thank Jesus for self-giving so that we might live abundantly.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to “give to God what is God’s.”