

LUKE 20



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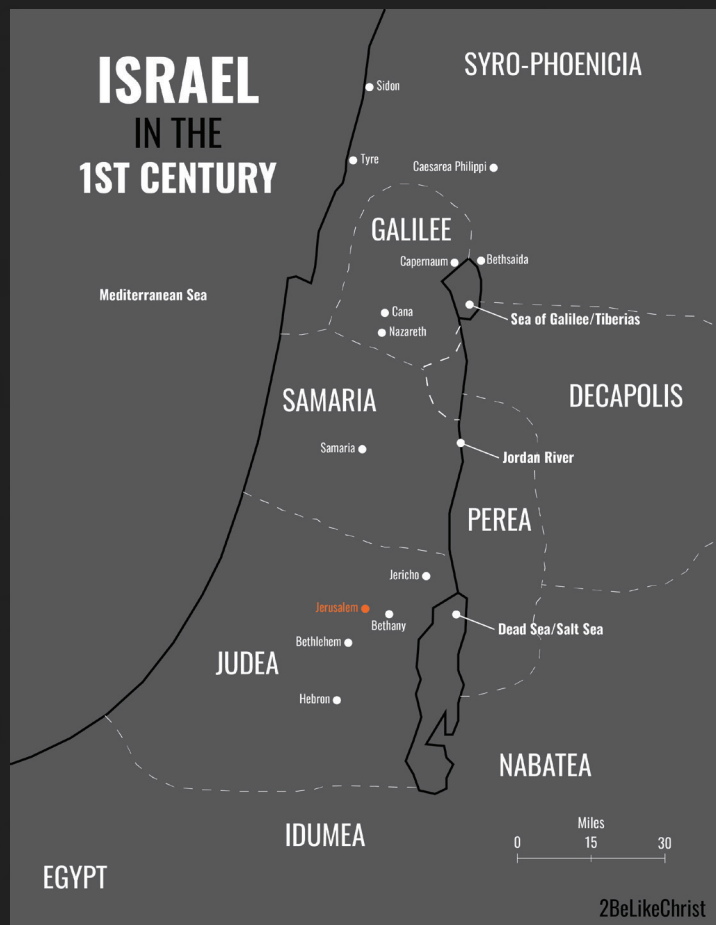
- The events of chapter 20 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Messiah and Son of God.
- **Enemies of Jesus** - The chief priests, scribes, elders, and Sadducees.
- **Wicked Tenants** - Characters in Jesus' parable who abused what was entrusted to them.

WHERE:

- These events occurred in Jerusalem during the last week of Jesus' life.



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OVERVIEW:

- JESUS' AUTHORITY CHALLENGED (20:1-8):
 - + The chief priests, scribes, and elders, approached Jesus and asked, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority?"
 - + Jesus told them He would answer their question if they answered His.
 - + He asked them if John the Baptist's baptism was from God or from man.
 - + They were too cowardly to answer, so Jesus refused to answer their question.
- PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS (20:9-18):
 - + Jesus told a parable about a man who owned a vineyard and rented it out to tenants.
 - + Rather than pay the owner his due, everytime his servants came to collect, the tenants abused them.
 - + Eventually, the owner sent his son, thinking he would be shown greater respect, but the tenants killed him.
 - + Jesus said, that upon his return, the vineyard owner would destroy the wicked tenants and find better ones.
- JESUS QUESTIONED BY HIS ENEMIES (20:19-40):
 - + In an attempt to trick Jesus, the scribes and chief priests asked Him if they should pay taxes to Caesar.
 - + Jesus responded, "...render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
 - + The Sadducees tried to trip Jesus up by asking a hypothetical question about a woman with 7 husbands.
 - + Jesus informed them their confusion on the issue was due to their failure to properly read the scriptures.
- JESUS QUESTIONS HIS CRITICS (20:41-44):
 - + To humble the Jewish leaders, Jesus asked them a question about David referring to Jesus as his "Lord."
 - + The Jewish leaders, who were supposed to be experts in the Law, had no idea how to answer the question.
- JESUS WARNS AGAINST THE SCRIBES (20:45-47):
 - + After humiliating the proud Jewish leaders, Jesus turned to the crowds and rebuked the scribes.
 - + He warned the people about their self-centeredness and greed.

BIG PICTURE:

- For three years, the Jewish religious leaders had been searching for an angle to take down Jesus.
- This chapter represents one of their last attempts to undermine Jesus in a semi-legal way.
- Following this embarrassment, they determined they were just going to have to murder Him.

TAKEAWAYS:

- If Jesus was here today, He would outsmart modern religious critics just as easily as the Jewish religious leaders.
- The scribes, Sadducees, and priests thought their arguments were super challenging, but they weren't for Jesus.
- Our modern "sophisticated" arguments wouldn't be any more difficult for Jesus to dismantle.

- Jesus wasn't afraid to condemn the Jewish religious leaders in public.
- There are times when calling out sin publically is necessary.
- Especially when the person you are calling out claims to be a guide of other people's faith.