



QUESTIONING THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

JULY 19, 2026 | LUKE 19:45 – 20:19

PICKING A FIGHT, ANSWERING A QUESTION, TELLING A STORY (AND PICKING ANOTHER FIGHT BY TELLING THIS STORY)

LUKE 19:45 – 20:19; MARK 11:15-18

The problem that the religious _____
faced: Jesus and _____ authority confronted
_____ authority.

The problem that _____ who
comes into contact with Jesus faces: His authority
confronts _____.

The bottom line: If Jesus is acting by _____
authority, then we had better _____ to Him.

UNDERSTANDING THE CROOKED SWAP MEET

- ① The Temple represented _____ to God.
 - ▶ During the Old Testament, the Temple provided a _____ approach to God.

▶ After Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, _____ are now the Temple of God. (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17, 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18)

- ② God's _____ resides on anyone who is denying people _____ to God. (MATTHEW 23:13; MALACHI 2:8-9)
 - ▶ Question: Do I have anything that needs to be overturned or driven out because it's _____
_____ for people to see God?

THE PROPHECY OF THE PARABLE

- The vineyard owner = God the Father
- The vineyard itself = the nation of Israel
- The tenant farmers = the religious leaders
- The servants = the prophets of God
- The beloved son = Jesus, the son of God
- The "others" who are invited into the vineyard = the Gentile nations

JESUS AS THE CORNERSTONE

- ① Jesus, on the one hand, is a stumbling block for those who _____ to believe — this is in a "_____ " way (the stone doesn't move, men stumble over it). LUKE 20:18b; ROMANS 9:30-33; 1 PETER 2:6-8
- ② But this same stone will become an "_____ " agent in the very real destruction of those who _____ to recognize their sin and need of a Savior. LUKE 20:18b; DANIEL 2:34-35