

The Authority of Christ Prompts a Response  
Luke 20:1-18

- I. Jesus demonstrates His authority & love for God's house. 19:45-48
- A. How does Jesus demonstrate His love for God's house?
  - B. Who are the leaders of the Temple?
  - C. What does Jesus do? What does this action signify?

Jesus knowing the word of God quoted the prophet Isaiah. "For My house will be called a house of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ peoples." Isaiah 56:7

- II. This action prompts a question! 20:1-8
- A. What is the question?
  - B. Often they have been part of the crowds that follow Jesus. What have they already seen of Jesus's authority?
  - D. How does Jesus respond to their question?

John preached the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and testified that Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:22-34) If they would've received John's message, they would have known that Jesus was the Messiah. They would've recognized that Jesus received His authority from God, just as John did.

- III. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach spiritual truth. 20:9-18
- A. What is the story?
  - B. What is He saying?

God loves His people and sent messengers to proclaim His love. The messengers were rejected. Instead of punishing them, He gave further opportunities for them to believe His message by sending other messengers. Ultimately, He sent His beloved \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:22) They kill the Son. Jesus reminds them once again, that He knows what lies ahead.

In keeping with the discussion on the Temple, Jesus uses a building analogy to describe His importance to the Temple and to the work that God is doing.

This time He signifies that He is the \_\_\_\_\_ stone. A corner stone can be used in one of two ways. A stone that is set at the corner of two walls determines the shape of the whole building or it can be placed at the top of the building consummating the work. Either way the corner stone is of great importance. He is the chief corner stone! Those stumble over this stone and reject Him will be like one who falls on the stone and is scattered like dust.

I Peter 2:4-12