

42-Luke-Pt24-Transcript

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welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and wasn't that quite a race somebody who was in last place just came into first place without any effort it was effortless and I think that that really captures is a great metaphor for what's happening spiritually that those who think that they're in first place and they're gonna win the race suddenly miraculously through no effort of our own others come first and we're seeing that and we're gonna see that in Luke chapter 20 in this relentless conflict that Christ is having with the religious leaders of the time they were in first place and and just as we've marched through Luke we're seeing this this conflict last week in Luke 19 Christ came to the point where he said you know bring those who will not have me rule over them and have them slain before me yeah this is getting intense and that intensity continues to heat up in chapter 20 as we march towards the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

let's open with prayer and get into Luke chapter 20 Heavenly Father we praise you when we just thank you so much God for your marvelous works we thank you for Jesus Christ and thank you God that we can be here and open your word and read the writings of Luke and the prophets to come to understand your will for us and your purpose here on the earth we thank you Father we ask for your blessing now as we continue our study of Luke and we open up chapter 20 we ask this father in

Jesus name Amen

so let's begin our study beginning in chapter 20 and in verse 1 where we read now it happened so we had this conflict between Christ and the Pharisees in chapter 19 it's gonna continue now in chapter 20 now it happened on one of those days as he taught the people in the temple and preach the gospel and I think there's no doubt as we've gone through these 19 chapters so far that the good news that Christ was bringing was he was the fulfillment of Isaiah the i's ionic

servant and in Isaiah 60:1 specifically they that he quoted that in the temple in Luke 4 that he has come to preach good news to the poor he's come to pre preach good news to heal the brokenhearted and so he's preaching this good news to the people to tell them that and it is the good news of the coming kingdom of God that's it and then there's all kinds of ideas and philosophies and thoughts around what the gospel is the gospel is good news that the kingdom of God is coming and it's going to put an end to all of this oppression and all of the evil on the earth and God's people are going to be liberated and so he's preaching this good news of the gospel and so while he's preaching this the chief priests and the scribes together with the elders confronted him they didn't like this they're the teachers and he's usurping their role and so they confronted him and they spoke to him saying tell us by what authority are you doing these things so you need to have authority to do these things so is this authority are you sanctioned by the high priest or is it the Roman authority that you're doing this with we want to know like how is it

that you think you can do this or who is he who gave you this authority so in addition to preaching the gospel in the temple and teaching in the temple remember in verse 45 of Luke 19 where we finished last week that he went into the temple and he drove out those who bought and sold in it like that was a serious act of authority overruling these people who thought they had the the right to do these things and also we saw throughout Luke that he has been healing people and in and challenging the Pharisees to heal on the Sabbath and in chapter 5 verse 24 remember when we were there that he said actually after healing that you may know that the Son of man has power or authority on earth to forgive sins not just to heal but he did this healing in such a way of this paralyzed man so that they would know that he's forgiving sins not just healing he said to the man who was paralyzed I say to you arise take up your bed and go to your house so by saying that and this is what we do doesn't Luke chapter 5 I won't repeat it all now but by saying that he was healed immediately get up and walk he's shown that he has authority and power to forgive sins so he's forgiven sins he's throwing people out of the temple he's preaching the good news in the temple and they want to know like where did you get this authority because it's good it's not from the high priest and it certainly couldn't be from Rome so what gives you the right to do this so he answered and said to them so they're confronting him they want an answer from him by what authority are you doing this he answered and said to them I also will ask you one thing and answer me the baptism of John was it from heaven or

from men so they're challenging him but now he challenges them this is this is incredible they think they've got him in a bind and he understands exactly where this is going because clearly it's not the authority of the high priest that he has and it's not the authority of Rome if he if he says it's from Rome then he's not the Messiah because he's under the very the very power that he should the Messiah needs to overthrow so where is this Authority coming from and if it's not from Rome then they can catch him in in subversion and have the Roman authorities come in and take care of him so he they want to know where are you getting this authority from but he challenges them and says okay John was before me and he was baptizing where did his authority come from did it come from God or did it come from men and so they reasoned among themselves and saying if we say from heaven he will say why then did you not believe him because it sees a prophet of God so how come you didn't believe him so they can't say that but if we say from men all the people will stone us all the people will stone us if we say from men for they are persuaded they're convinced that John was a prophet so they are in between a rock and a hard place here they can't say it's from heaven and they can't say it's from men and the reason they know they'll be stoned is from Deuteronomy that here a prophet of God has come pointing them to God pointing them to repentance and Deuteronomy says and you shall stone him with stones until he dies because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God and brought you out of the land who brought you out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage so are they

going to challenge John the Baptist to say he was not from God well they know he was from God - therefore they must be false so Christ has put them in a bind and they are afraid to answer and now in Luke 3 when we were there noticed this that while annas and caiaphas were high priests the Word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness so John was not under the high priest he had his ministry as a prophet of God separate and apart from the authority of the high priest so they want to challenge Christ now to say how come you're not under the high priest and Christ puts it right back on them what do you say about John because John wasn't under the high priest and he went into all the region around the Jordan preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet saying the voice of when I noticed this so he was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that said the voice of one crying in the wilderness so they saw that he was fulfilling this prophecy and what was his purpose he was crying out to prepare the way of the Lord to make his paths straight in other words John the Baptist was the forerunner to the Lord and those who accepted John the Baptist's ministry and prophethood were then looking for the the Lord the Messiah and so they are bait the Christ has just nailed them to the wall and they cannot answer also now in Luke 7 you'll remember when all the people heard him even the tax collectors justified God so they listen to him they responded to him having been baptized with the baptism of John so John taught them John baptized them and taught them that one was coming who is

mightier than him whose shoe lasted
he wasn't even worthy to untie and so
John was pointing them to look for the
Messiah and and so when they accept the
baptism of John when Christ came along
they responded to Christ because John
told them he was coming but the notice
this in verse 30 the Pharisees and the
lawyers rejected the will of God for
themselves so they knew that John the
Baptist was was a true prophet of God
but they did not accept his ministry and
so they rejected the will of God for
themselves not having been baptized by
him so all these are people who were
baptized by John were taught by John and
were looking for the Messiah and they
believed that he was truly a prophet of
God and so if they if they negate John's
ministry they're gonna be stoned to
death and at the same time if they say
that John's ministry was was authorized
then how come they didn't respond to
John they should they prove that there
are evil people and they're gonna lose
their position with the people so so
Christ has nailed them with his answer
in in verse chapter 16 Christ said that
the law and the prophets were until John
since that time the kingdom of God has
been preached and everyone is pressing
into it so so all of the prophets were
leading up to the Messiah and now the
Messiah is here to announce the kingdom
of God so continuing now in Luke 20
verse 7 so they answered that they did
not know where where the where there's
some authority from from the apart from
the Prophet John was from so the answer
that they did not know where it was from
and Jesus said to them neither will I
tell you by what authority I do these
things
awesome phenomenal they're dealing with

the Creator he knows these the crafty
mind of man I was gonna say of man but
actually

the devil and so he's able to navigate
them and just really put them in a tight
spot so now that he's dealt with them he
turns to the people and he tells the
people a parable about them so he's not
teaching the people the people are
following him a certain man planted a
vineyard and leased it to vine dressers
and went into a far country for a long
time so so he wants the people to know
that the vine dressers are lessees they
don't own the vineyard they're stewards
of the vineyard and so there's a man
that planted the vineyard and he went
away to a far country for a long time
now from Isaiah we know what this
vineyard is Isaiah 5 says now let me
sing to my well-beloved a song to my
beloved regarding his vineyard my
well-beloved has a vineyard on a very
fruitful Hill he dug it up and cleared
out its stones and planted it with the
choicest vine he built a tower in its
midst and also made a winepress in it so
he expected it to bring forth good
grapes but it brought forth wild grapes
so there's a problem with the vineyard
he's done everything to make it
successful but instead of yielding good
fruit it brings forth poisonous wild
rotten fruit and in verse 7 he decodes a
forest for the vineyard of the Lord of
Hosts is the house of Israel and the men
of Judah are his pleasant plant he looks
for justice but the opposite behold
oppression for righteousness but behold
a cry for help so so people are being
oppressed right within the the vineyard
of God so these people who have God's
law who should fully know what is
expected of them they're doing the exact

opposite instead of being godly they're actually being demonic so continuing now in Luke now at a time he sent a servant to the vine dresser the people who do not own the vineyard remember they're just the lessees they're just stewards and so the vineyard actually belongs to a certain man who now sends a servant to the vine dressers that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard so these are all the other people are the fruit of the vineyard and he's coming to enjoy some of the fruit of the vineyard but the vine instead of that instead of the vine dresser is giving him what's justly his the vine dressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed so the servant is coming to collect what they own what rightfully belongs to the owner instead of giving it to the servant to give to the owner they beat the servant and send him away empty-handed again he sent another servant and they beat him also treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed and again the owner sent a third and they wounded him also and cast him out and so Christ is telling these stories so that the people can use these stories really as spectacles through which to see how to perceive what's in front of you so they're seeing these people as holy men and Christ is saying they are the enemies of God and he's teaching them this in their hearing so the Pharisees the scribes the elders they're all there they just finished been fronting him and and while he then turns it on them he turns it back with this question that they cannot answer then he turns to the people and he's basically is telling them all these people that you've been looking at as your teachers as your

leaders as holy men they are the enemies of God that's what he's saying to them and and remember in chapter 13 how Christ lamented Oh Jerusalem Jerusalem the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her so he keeps sending these servants to say I want to enjoy some fruit from my vineyard but instead of giving the fruit to the owner instead they stone those servants and kill them how often I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings but you were not willing you basically crossed over to the other side you have all the religious accoutrements but you're actually demonic I mean this is all the way back this is the way it's ever been in Israel ever since ever since Sullivan so here he says in second chronicles 36 14 moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more these are the people of God these are the leaders who should be cultivating the vineyard and preparing a set of righteous people for God they just transgressed more and more according to all the abominations of the nation's not some not a few all of the abominations of the nation's they engaged in and they defiled the house of the Lord which he had consecrated in Jerusalem and the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by his messengers rising up early and sending them because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling people so the people are being oppressed they're crying out that the leaders are oppressing them God has compassion on them he wants to help them he sends the servants to help the vineyard but they

mocked the messengers of God despised
his words scoffed at his prophets until
the wrath of the Lord arose against his
people until there was no remedy and
Christ is making it very clear to the
people don't be fooled by religious
outward appearances God judges by the
heart and your leaders are evil is what
Christ is telling them and even Luke now
in the second volume Peter says which of
the prophets did your father's not
persecute Oh every single prophet that
was sent to you your prophet your
fathers persecuted them and they killed
those who foretold the coming of the
just one of whom you now have become the
betrayers and
so continuing in Luke 20 then the owner
of the vineyard said what shall I do I'm
at a loss
it's my vineyard I've sent servant upon
servant upon servant to talk to these
vine dressers to talk to these stewards
and they've killed them all and and and
treated them shamefully what choice do I
have what shall I do okay I know what
I'll do I'll send my beloved son that's
what I'm gonna do now I'm gonna send my
son probably they will respect him when
they see him is my vineyard they're
gonna see that this is now the son I'm
sure they'll respect him but when the
vine dresser saw the son they reasoned
among themselves saying this is the air
this is the air so so when the owner
dies this is the son who's gonna inherit
the vineyard so rather than respect him
which is what the owner thought would
happen let us kill him that the
inheritance might be ours so they
understand that everything truly belongs
to the owner and the son is going to
inherit everything and their solution
rather than you know give back to the

owner

what is his these are thieves and their solution there and there they're murderers so you can tell Christ is telling his people look and Christ is making it very very clear that these people who we have been looking at as our leaders are actually in league with the devil and they have nothing to do with God and so much so that they would kill the beloved son that's what Christ is telling them that's what Christ wants his the people to understand about these people that they've been looking up to and in Hebrews about the inheritance Paul we believe as the Apostle Paul writes that in these last days he spoken to us by his sons a sends his son whom he has appointed heir of all things through whom also he made the world so all the worlds the whole universe everything that's created is going to be inherited by Christ and we are going to be co-heirs with Christ but these people rather than cooperating with the Sun they choose to kill him so continuing now in Luke verse 22 saying the Son of Man oh sorry do them in chat when we were in chapter 9 of Luke II said the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and by the way that has to be in Jerusalem and be raised the third day so so it's very very clear that these people get very very comfortable in their role of authority and and they get deluded into thinking that they are just weren't they're just they expect or they they believe they have the right to have this this position that they're in they no longer see themselves as stewards they now see themselves as owners of the vineyard so much so that when the

beloved son comes there their calculus the way they work things out is to kill him so that they can keep their position in society this is this is amazing so verse 15 so they cast the son out of the vineyard and they killed him therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them this is a very interesting question that Christ is asking his disciples and the people who are listening that the owner of the vineyard has been so patient so empathetic and sympathetic and trying to work with these these stewards but they have given themselves wholly over to evil so much so that when he sends his beloved son they slaughter the son so what is the owner going to do he will come and destroy those vine dressers and give the vineyard to others that's what this this confrontation is is just coming to a boil all these people that we've been looking at them thinking these are holy men Christ is exposing them and this began in Chapter 12 when he said beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and over and over chapter after chapter were just seeing this hypocrisy of these men they appear one way and they're the exact opposite inside and now it's it's coming to a boil where he pronounces this disjoint that God is going to discard himself is personally going to destroy them now when the people heard this this this is amazing when the people heard this they said certainly not in other words no way this is impossible these are the holy holy men these are you know from the moment I could understand from from childhood I have always looked up to these men I've gone to synagogue I've gone to Temple every Sabbath I've been a temple and these have been the teachers

and every High day when we come to Jerusalem and we celebrate the High days these have been the teachers these have been the custodians of the relationship with God and now you're telling me that God is going to destroy them so these people are locked in a paradigm and they can't get out of the paradigm they even though Christ has shown them how evil their leaders are that their leaders are in league with the devil they still cannot accept that God will destroy them and I think this happens to all of us in fact I just recently had this experience where one of the brothers in our congregation shared a perspective on a scripture that was a foundational scripture or is a foundational scripture that I have known ever since I came into the church and he just came with you know it might not mean what you think it means and my response was certainly not I can't everything there's a whole bunch of things that are attack to this understanding that I have of this fundamental scripture that if you pull this out my whole understanding is gonna collapse and so my response is like certainly not and this is the same thing that's happening here they cannot they're so locked in this paradigm that they just cannot accept that these people that God that there are enemies of God and that God will personally destroy them and so Christ tells them that in fact God is going to destroy these vine dresses so the way to work through this now the way that Christ helps them to break the paradigm is to show them other scripture and so he quotes now then he looked at them so they're they're stuck in this paradigm so he looks at them and he says what then is this that is written so they're

like no way impossible we don't believe
you

God would never do that to these holy
men so Christ says well what then is
this that is written the stone which the
builders rejected has become the chief
Cornerstone so what does this mean that
the builders rejected a stone they hated
the stone they're in opposition to the
stone and now the stone is the chief
Cornerstone so those enemies are now
under the chief Cornerstone what's gonna
happen to them and he's quoting the
psalmist david in psalm 118 where he
says he writes the stone which the
builders rejected has become the chief
Cornerstone so they know this song they
were the Pharisees and scribes and
elders they certainly would have this
memorized and so what's the what else
does it say it says that this was the
Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our
eyes so they rejected the stone and the
Lord made that that same stone that they
rejected he made it the chief
Cornerstone and if you look at verse 12
of this Psalm not only did he make it
the chief Cornerstone but it says they
surrounded me like bees but they were
quenched like a fire of thorns for in
the name of the Lord

I
destroy them they surrounded me but in
the name of the Lord I will destroy them
so so you know the person who was last
that it was rejected is now gonna be
first and when he's in that position of
first he's going to destroy them so what
does this mean if well how do you
interpret this Psalm then clearly
there's a reversal of roles
he says continues 2x2 exegesis and
expound on this scripture them
whoever falls on that stone will be

broken but whomever it falls it will grind him to powder Jesus Christ is not mincing words and I think we just have this we've been so affected by the traditional teaching of Christ that we don't understand just how confrontational he was and he is not mincing words here he's saying I am going to grind these people to powder and the answer says scripture I've come to fulfill Scripture and and certainly Simeon said the same things had been Simeon blessed them remember in chapter 2 right at the beginning of our study of Luke and said to Mary his mother behold this child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel he's pulleys a polarizing figure as I said before Christ is the question what's your answer will you accept him as Lord yes or no what's your answer and this is this is the question to the whole world and he hear you within Israel he's gonna polarize Israel some are gonna accept him some are gonna reject him and for a sign which will be spoken against and in Isaiah chapter 8 says that he will be as a sanctuary he's gonna be a sanctuary there's gonna be a source of salvation and safety but he's also going to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel so certainly we can see this that he's going to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel to Israel and Judah as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem so he's marching right into Jerusalem and and people have to decide is this the Lord is this the Messiah or do we kill him and many among them shall stumble not a few and I think sometimes we just have this paradigm that because these are God's people oh they're all

going to be saved and when Christ comes and says no I personally am gonna destroy them God the Father person is going to destroy them our response is certainly not and this I think it's the same thing today when we say that many in the church are going to be destroyed our response is certainly not no that's impossible we must allow the scripture to speak it says many shall betray one another and in another place he says woe unto them who cause offence to one of these little ones many among them shall stumble and they shall fall and be broken and be snared and taken and that's the scripture that Simeon saw that Christ would fulfill and we all know when we get to Daniel that this stone that the peep that the people have rejected is a special stone and in fact Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of this stone and Daniel told him that you watched Nebuchadnezzar while the stone was cut out without hands this is the stone that the builders rejected and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and the reason they rejected this stone is because they are in league with the Roman Empire so they're in collusion with the Roman Empire and the Roman Empire has allowed them to have their offices and they love their offices so they're in collusion with this Empire but all of these empires of man are going to be destroyed by this stone that the builders rejected so it destruct the image on its feet so the last final M of all these Babylonian empires that have been ruling over man and broke them in pieces then the iron the clay the bronze the silver the gold were crushed together and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was

found so they want to collude with this Empire not realizing that the kingdom of God means that this Empire is going to be thoroughly vanquished ground into powder and if they're in collusion with this Empire they're gonna be ground into powder as well and they're gonna be blown away

and so they will be destroyed and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth this is the kingdom of God this is this is the very stone that they rejected is the chief Cornerstone for the building of God's kingdom so continuing now in chapter 20 verse 19 says here now verse 19 that the chief priests and the scribes that very hour they just responded immediately they sought to lay hands on him so he's telling them this is what you're gonna do and this is what's gonna happen to you and instead of repenting they immediately go to work to destroy him people love to be flattered and when we give people the truth when we just tell people straight-out look here's the truth from the scripture and if it's against them they don't like it so in Luke 4 when Christ was preaching they just thought oh how gracious he is he's so wonderful I so beautiful the words that come out of his mouth but the minute he turned it and spoke of God's graciousness to Gentiles into the exclusion of them they turned to homicidal hatred they wanted to throw him off a cliff we saw the same thing with Steven and Steven the Deacon was preaching as long as he was buttering them up and telling them how wonderful Israel is though they just laughter what a great preacher and the minute he says well actually the

prophecy is against you then they wanted they actually did kill him same thing we saw with Paul that when they saw that he spoke in the Hebrew tongue and he was talking about how wonderful Israel is they were all silent and they just loved to listen to him but the moment he says the prophecy is against you then they had homicidal hatred and they had to flee for his life and so people just love to be buttered up and flattered and they don't necessarily want the truth and so here when they heard the truth and that it was against them rather than repent they sought to destroy Christ so now when we look at this he says they thought that very hour to lay hands on him but again they feared the people meaning that the people recognized him as a true prophet of God just as they recognized John so they he could not put John's ministry down because they'd be stoned to death for trying to lead the people away from God and nor can they confront Christ's ministry because clearly he's leading the people to God and if they do that the people will know that they're to stone these people to death so they fear the people but they knew that he had spoken this parable against them so again rather than be humble and say wow we're in deep trouble with God these people are so given over to evil that they would rather kill him so they watched him and not only did they watch him because they've been doing that all the time now they sent spies but look how evil these people are not only are they watching our Lord they infiltrate the disciples so the people who are repenting and wanting to follow him they send spies who pretend to be righteous I

mean these people are pure evil these are evil
people I think sometimes we think the scribes and the Pharisees you know there are a bit self-righteous these are evil people these are terribly evil people and Christ is confronting them so he says so they watched him and send spies who pretended to be righteous that they might seize on his words in order to deliver him to the power and the authority of the governor so remember this whole section started with him or with them asking by what authority do you do these things and they they just want to hear him say something so that they can go to the Roman authority and just get rid of this guy charge him with subversion and and and sabotage and just be rid of him once and for all as this has happened many many times people rise up trying to save the Jewish community claiming that they're a messiah Rome just makes Swift work of them and so this is what they just want to reap wash rinse repeat so they just want to repeat this and get rid of Christ so they wanted to seize him on his words in order to deliver him to the power and the authority of the governor so they asked him saying teacher these are the spies now that are in as our righteous people teacher we know that you say and teach rightly that you do not show personal favoritism so Christ just speaks the truth he's he's not there to flatter he's got a job to do and his job is to preach the Word of God and so they come to realize this he doesn't you know everyone else there used to coming up and just oh you're so wonderful and you know take the best seat and doing everything they can to butter these people up a price just preaches the

truth and so you do not show personal favoritism instead you teach the way of God in truth remember these people are pretending to be righteous now we just have a small little question is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not you know it's coming up the tax time and you we should we accept you as our teacher should we be paying our taxes to Caesar they're trying to trap him but they're pretending to be righteous and we just need a little bit of guidance from you but he perceived their craftiness he saw straight through them and he said to them why do you test me why are you testing me and then he turns it around and he says show me a Denarius whose image and inscription does it have so again these are the people who are pretending to be righteous whose image and inscription does it have they answered and said Caesars and he said to them render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are gods so this is just an absolutely brilliant answer so they're there wondering you know should we pay taxes and here they are being these righteous men and they're there they're at fault for this so they clearly have overstepped and Christ too saw their craftiness and so he says render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and so they look and they see whilst Caesars image is on this so it belongs to him but he doesn't stop there he says to God the things that are gods and here they're trying to set him up and we'll see this when we get to chapter 23 so they're going to accuse him saying we found this fellow perverting the nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar saying that he himself is Christ that

King you don't mess with Rome you don't
mess with their taxes they're all are
there there's money making the Machine
all roads lead to Rome because all all
over the Empire everyone's paying their
taxes and this is just a money-making
machine and you don't mess with your
taxes and also you don't mess with their
authority and so they're coming along
now and they're going to accuse Christ
of both things that they were trying to
set a trap for him didn't work because
he perceived their craftiness and he
says give to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's now in addition to that he says
give to God the things that are gods and
they in Psalm 24 the earth is the Lord's
and all its fullness
the world and all those who dwell
therein so you make sure you give to
Caesar what's his but also make sure you
give to God
what's his and by the way everything
belongs to God so even your own self
belongs to God so give yourself
wholeheartedly to God continuing in
verse 26 then says that they could not
catch him in his words in the presence
of the people so they would have lots of
witnesses to say that he said this thing
but they couldn't
instead they marvelled at his answer
like they thought they had him for sure
they were gonna nail him literally
they're going to but instead he just
perceived their craftiness and gave such
a spectacular answer that they were just
in awe they marveled at his answer and
they kept silent so that's it they're
there they're just perplexed continuing
now in verse 27 some of the Sadducees
who deny that there is a resurrection
what they did is they came to him and
they asked him a question saying so that

the Sadducees are different from the Pharisees these are people who are very secular they don't believe in any spiritual dimension whatever you see is what is and now they deny of course they deny life after death so there they have this little puzzle that they love to pose to people to destroy any belief in the resurrection and is saying that teacher Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies having a wife and if he dies without children his brother should take his wife and raise up children to him so this of course he's quoting or they're quoting Deuteronomy this is one and so the Sadducees will accept the the Torah the five books of Moses they don't go outside of the Torah and so there they say look this is this is all there is and inside the Torah this is what they believe that if a brother this is Deuteronomy 25 five if brothers do all together and one of them dies and has no son the widow of the dead man shall not be married to astray outside the family so this was a law that Moses put in place to protect the inheritance of the family her husband's brother shall go into her take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her and it shall be that the firstborn son the first son that she has which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother so that was a way of just keeping the inheritance and keeping that line alive that his name may not be blotted out of Israel so so this is the law this is what's in the Torah so now there there are questions who Christ is to say now in this situation hypothetically speaking there are seven brothers and the first took a wife and then he died

without children
the second took her his wife and he died
childless then the third took her and in
like manner the seven also and they left
no children and died so they're all
following the law of Moses but none of
them have children but they've all had
her as a wife last of all the woman died
also therefore this is the puzzling
question that would stumped everybody
and destroy belief in the resurrection
it was just a bit of mischief that they
had worked out the cleverness and so
anybody who says they believe in the
resurrection well answer this therefore
in the resurrection whose wife does she
become Jesus answered and said to them
so again all the people around and
there's been some challenges to Christ
now he the answers this one is said to
them the sons of this age marry and are
given in marriage so they the Sadducees
do not believe in life after death
Christ makes it very clear to them there
is life after death and in this age
there's marriage but those who are
counted worthy and this is a this is
quite amazing so he's not just answering
the question he's also condemning them
because yes there is life after death
but you won't be there not if you
continue like this those who are counted
worthy
to attain to that age and the
resurrection from the dead neither marry
nor are given in marriage so so marriage
is till death do us part it's not
forever it's till death do us part and
there's a purpose for marriage in this
age but that purpose is fulfilled and
it's no longer necessary in the age that
is to come nor can they die anymore so
there's no more you know the one died
and the next died and had her there's no

more death for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God being sons of the resurrection so so they're going to be now sons of the resurrection and we see we see you know if we fast forward and go to the end of Revelation the end of the book John saw this pure river of water of life clear as crystal proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life which bore twelve fruits each tree yielding its fruit every month the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nation's and there shall be no more curse but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it and his servants these are the people who are worthy to obtain to this age as what we're all pressing into ever since the kingdom of God has been preached were pressing into it these servants shall serve Him they shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads and this is the time that Christ is speaking of and the Sadducees just don't believe it and Christ is saying well you know great question let me answer it for you and by the way don't assume that just because I'm validating that there's life after death that you'll be there so there is life after death and Christ confirms it by quoting the same Moses the same Torah that they believe in to say well okay that's what you're quoting Moses well even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that you have in the tour you reject all the other parts the Word of God so let's stick to the Torah Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised how did he do that when he called the Lord the God of Abraham the god of Isaac and the

God of Jacob so these men are dead but yet he calls the Lord the God of Abraham the god of Isaac and the God of Jacob and he does that in Exodus 3:15 moreover God says to Moses thus you shall say to the children of Israel the Lord God of your father's the God of Abraham the god of Isaac the God of Jacob has sent me to you this is my name forever and this is my memorial to all generations so if as the Sadducees believe Abraham Isaac and Jacob have perished and they no longer exist why would God tell Moses that he is the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and that this is his name forever so right out of the Torah and they reject the prophets but they accept the Torah so right out of the Torah Christ shows the Sadducees that in fact the dead are raised so he says he is not the god of the dead but of the living for all lived to him then some of the scribes answered and said teacher you have spoken well so what what they're saying here is you know we've been challenged by this question but we could never answer it and so the Sadducees always had the upper hand and so now they come to you it's like when I was in the debate with the Muslim Imam and they have these little trick questions that they love to throw at Christians and they think that that's gonna trip us up but if we know the Word of God sufficiently we can answer these questions and so the scribes are like wow we could never answer that question and you've just proven it without I doubt you have spoken well but after that they dared not question him anymore so very very clearly he established that God is the god of the living and therefore these three men Abraham Isaac and Jacob have not perished but in fact

they are going to live again so it says here that he spoke well and so he's basically silenced them they're not gonna ask him any more questions but then he turns it around and he now so there's they're done but he's not done he turns it around now and he says to them how can they say that Christ is the son of David

so these scribes now they understand the scriptures and they understand that the Messiah is the son of David and in Luke 18 when we were there we saw the blind man crying out saying Jesus son of David have mercy on me so the blind man could actually see and he understood that he was the son of David he says have mercy on me then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet but he cried out all the more son of David have mercy on me and in chapter 19 where we were last week when when he came in on the Colt the people said blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord peace in heaven and glory in the highest so that everyone understood who the Messiah was and that he's the son of David and so Christ now is asking them he's got a question for them how do they say that Christ is the son of David and in verse 42 now David himself said in the Book of Psalms the Lord said to my lord so David had a Lord and the Lord said to my lord sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool

so again Christ is telling them that through this prophetic word if they're his enemies if they're gonna kill him they're going to become his footstool but the point that he's making here is there

for David calls him Lord how is he then his son so these cultures were very patriarchal and we saw that in Luke 18

when we are actually thing was Luke 6 16
or 17 mm Devon can't remember now which
week it was we covered but the prodigal
son lived was 16 where the father has
all of this wealth and the son asked for
him to have if he could have his
inheritance early and so he divided it
and gave it to him but this father had
tremendous power and authority and and
in a very patriarchal society the role
of the father is absolute and so how is
it if David is his father that David
calls him Lord answer this question so
they're throwing all these puzzling
questions to him they're done he's not
done so he asked him this question how
is it that David calls him Lord how
could he be his son in a very strong
patriarchy now Luke answers this
question for Theophilus in in the second
volume he says for David Peter says
David did not ascend into the heavens
but he says himself the Lord said to my
lord sit at my right hand until I make
your enemies your footstool that Peter
explains therefore let all the house of
Israel know assuredly that God has made
this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord
and Christ so yes he's Messiah but God
has made him Lord he's given him a name
that's above every name even higher than
David and in Isaiah a child is born to
us a son is given the government will be
upon his shoulder his name will be
called wonderful counselor mighty God he
this is why David calls him Lord
everlasting father Prince of Peace
of the increase of his government and
peace there will be no end upon the
throne of David and over his kingdom to
order it and establish it with judgment
and justice
from that time forward even forever the
zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform

this

so now continuing the passage with the scribe scribes then in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciple so he's not talking to the scribes anymore he asked him this question how is it that David calls his son Lord they couldn't answer now he turns to his disciples and he says beware of the scribes so remember with us this whole confrontation began with Christ saying beware of the Pharisees the hypocrisy the leaven of the Pharisees now he's telling them to beware of the scribes who desire to go around in long robes they love greetings in the marketplaces the best seats in the synagogues and the best place at feasts so this is you know again where the people said certainly not their whole life when they go to the synagogue they see these people in the best seats they see them in the best places at feasts but what's really going on inside they devour widows houses they are their covetous they love money and they devour widows houses and for a pretense they make long prayers these will receive greater condemnation so again this this confrontation this this collision between Christ and the religious authorities it is profound it is spectacular Christ isn't pulling any punches he's basically stripping them naked in front of everybody in front of the whole crowd and they're developing this seething hatred for him and and you know if we ever thought that these people were just a little bit self-righteous Christ is showing his disciples and us by extension these are very very evil people they are they are pure evil they are totally they've totally given themselves over to the devil and they're

just driven by self ambition self self
aggrandizement and remember in Luke 14
he warned about this too
disciplined by telling a parable to those
who were invited when he noted how they
chose the best places so these scribes
these Pharisees came to this to South
Pharisees home and immediately they go
to the best places they loved the honor
and he said to them when you were
invited by anyone to a wedding feast do
not sit down in the best place lest one
more honourable than you be invited by
him and that is exactly what has
happened
one more honourable than these men these
these in fact these men are dishonorable
and yet they're taking the best places
and the most honorable person in the
whole universe under the Father has come
and so they're going to be displaced and
not only are they going to be displaced
they're going to be destroyed
and next week when we get into Luke 21
Christ is now going to share with the
disciples a very strong prophetic word
to really prepare them for what's coming
but this this collision where were we're
heading to the to Jerusalem where
there'd be the spectacular collision
between good and evil and evil is gonna
throw its full power at our Lord and
Savior and our Lord and Savior is going
to destroy evil not by not in kind but
rather through the power of love this is
this is just so amazing how the kingdom
of God is being established and now we
are pressing ourselves into it so that
is Luke chapter 20 next week God willing
we'll go into Luke 21 which is very
strong prophetic word and we're almost
getting to the end of chapter or at the
end of the book of Luke and I think this
has just been an amazing study to show

us the glory and the honor of Jesus
Christ and this stone that they've
rejected the stone that I think is
nobody they're gonna find out very very
soon that this in fact is the beginning
of the kingdom of God Jesus Christ is
Lord and Savior look forward to talking
to some of you on the chat and God
willing seeing you next week