

message

The Sent Son

CROSSROADS, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 4 | LUKE 20:1-19
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Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him." (Luke 20:13)

The Sent Son and the Rejection of Authority (Luke 20:1-8)

The origin of John's Baptism

The evasion of answering

The Sent Son and the Rejection of the Vineyard Owner (Luke 20:9-13; Isaiah 5:1-7)

A story about a story (Isaiah 5:1-7)

The owner, the farmers and the servants

The beloved son

The Sent Son and the Rejection of Inheritance (Luke 20:14-16)

The hunger for inheritance

The murder of the beloved son

The Sent Son and the Rejection of God's Kingdom (Luke 20:17-19; Psalm 118:20-26)

A psalm for the King (Psalm 118:20-26)

The Sent Son as the King and Cornerstone

study guide

1. We continue the series "Crossroads" this week by looking at two stories found in Luke 20:1-19. Begin your study in prayer, asking God to speak to you from His Word, and then read that passage aloud.
2. In Luke 20:1-8, Jesus counters a question about His authority by the religious leaders with a question of His own. What do you think is the point of Jesus' question?
3. The religious leaders choose not to answer Jesus' question. What does this tell us about them and what they are really about?
4. In the second segment, Luke 20:9-19, Jesus tells a parable. While most parables don't function as allegories, this one seems to do so. It appears as an allegorical retelling of salvation history. Take some time to identify who the characters of the parable correspond to in salvation history: the owner of the vineyard (vs 9), the tenant farmers (vss 9-10), the servants (vss 10-12), the son (vs 13-15a), and the others (vs 19).
5. What about the owner's decision to send his beloved son is perhaps the most surprising aspect of the parable. Why do you think he would send his son after the mistreatment of the servants?
6. Why do you think the reaction of the people is so strong in verse 16?
7. Jesus references both Psalm 118 and Daniel 2:44-45 in his response. What does this mean for the religious leaders and the Jewish people?
8. The religious leaders understand what is happening in this parable, so they spring into action (vs 19). How does this confirm the parable?
9. Identify one way that God is speaking to you personally through this study. If you're on your own, write it down and share it with someone later. If you are with a small group, share it with one another to end your group time.

reading plan

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we arranged a daily reading plan through this series. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Sunday, March 19	John 2:18-22
Monday, March 20	Luke 20:9-19
Tuesday, March 21	Psalm 118:19-23
Wednesday, March 22	1 Peter 2:4-8
Thursday, March 23	Isaiah 8:13-17
Friday, March 24	Matthew 21:33-46
Saturday, March 25	Luke 20:20-26

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