

# LUKE 20:20-40

## JESUS 3---RELIGION 0

### INTRODUCTION:

1. WHY DID THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES SEEM SO FOCUSED ON TRAPPING & DESTROYING THE LORD JESUS?

a. WHAT WAS IT THAT TRIGGERED THEIR DETERMINATION?

b. SOME BELIEVE WE CAN GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO (LUKE 5)

WHEN THE PARALYTIC WAS LOWERED DOWN THROUGH

THE ROOF FOR HEALING WHILE “PHARISEES AND TEACHERS

OF THE LAW, WHO HAD COME FROM EVERY VILLAGE OF

GALILEE AND FROM JUDEA AND JERUSALEM, WERE SITTING

THERE.” (5:20-25)

2. THESE WERE THE MEN WHO PROVIDED THE JEWISH INTERPRETATION OF THE SCRIPTURES.
3. JESUS WAS DECLARING HIS DIVINITY---JUST AS AN ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO JOSEPH “YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS, BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SIN.”
4. THE REASON THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS EVENTUALLY CRUCIFIED JESUS WAS BECAUSE HE WAS REVEALING THAT IT WAS THE CHARACTER OF GOD TO SAVE SINNERS.
5. MOVING FORWARD TO TODAY’S SCRIPTURE, THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE USING A NEW TACTIC---“KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON HIM, THEY SENT SPIES, WHO PRETENDED TO BE HONEST.”

**FLATTERY:** (21)

1. SOMETIMES IT’S POSSIBLE TO SAY THE BEST THINGS WITH THE WORST MOTIVES---(FLATTERY WILL GET YOU ANYWHERE).
2. THEY ASK JESUS A QUESTION THAT REQUIRES A “YES” OR “NO” ANSWER...

- a. "HE SAW THROUGH THEIR DUPLICITY"---MEANING  
DECEPTION IN SPEECH OR CONDUCT, DECEITFULNESS, OR  
HYPOCRACY.
  - b. "HE SAW THROUGH THEIR DUPLICITY..."
3. CAESAR WAS THE RULER OF THE LAND---HIS AUTHORITY  
PREVAILED OVER ALL THAT REGION.
4. JESUS ADDS FURTHER CLARITY "WHOSE PORTRAIT AND  
INSCRIPTION ARE ON IT?"
    - a. THIS WAS THE COIN OF THE REALM & HIS AUTHORITY  
STRETCHED AS FAR AS HIS COINS WERE THE CURRENCY...
    - b. WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT---SINCE CAESAR'S IMAGE IS ON  
THE COIN, "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S, AND TO  
GOD WHAT IS GOD'S."
    - c. AS CITIZENS OF THE REALM GIVE YOUR DUE TO CAESAR  
WHETHER IT BE TAXES, CURRENCY, OR HONOR.

5. REMEMBER, HOWEVER, IN THE REALM OF POLITICS & CIVIL JUSTICE, YOUR FINAL THRONE TO WHICH YOU OWE LOYALTY IS THE THRONE OF GOD!

a. WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN & CITIZENS OF EARTH AT THE SAME TIME...

b. IF WE ARE IN CHRIST, WE ARE ALSO IN WEST VIRGINIA...

c. WE ARE TO OBEY THE SECULAR AUTHORITY (JER. 29:4-7) & (1 PET. 2:9-17).

6. CAESAR MAY HAVE HIS FACE ON THE COINS, BUT GOD HAS HIS FACE ON OUR LIVES---OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD!

7. WE ARE TO OBEY THE SECULAR AUTHORITIES PROVIDED THEY DON'T REQUIRE SUBMISSION TO WHAT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW OF GOD...

a. AS BELIEVERS WE ARE NOT TO MAKE THE ISSUE OF OUR POLITICAL FREEDOM THE #1 PRIORITY IN OUR LIFE.

8. HERE'S A QUESTION I THINK WOULD BE GOOD TO ASK

OURSELVES: HOW MUCH TIME DID WE SPEND FORMING OUR  
OPINIONS ABOUT THIS YEARS'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
COMPARED TO ACTUALLY READING & MEDITATING ON THE  
WORD OF GOD?

**RESURRECTION & MARRIAGE:**

1. THIS THIRD ATTEMPT TO PUT JESUS IN HIS PLACE COMES FROM  
THE RANKS OF THE SADDUCEES "WHO SAY THERE IS NO  
RESURRECTION."

a. THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION, THAT'S WHY  
THEY WERE "SAD YOU SEE!".

2. THIS BELIEF OF THEIRS ADDED SUPPORT TO THE REALITY THAT  
THEY DIDN'T COME TO GENUINELY ASK A QUESTION---BUT TO  
TRICK JESUS.

3. "MOSES WROTE" (DEUT 25:5-10)

4. THIS BELIEF THE SADDUCEES HAD WAS OF COURSE FALSE  
TEACHING...

a. EVEN ONE OF THE EARLIEST BOOKS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE  
(JOB 19:25-27) SPOKE OF THE RESURRECTION...

b. ALSO ONE OF THE MESSIANIC PSALMS (16:9-10).

5. IN MARK'S ACCOUNT OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE, HE SEEMS MORE  
DIRECT---"ARE YOU NOT IN ERROR BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW  
THE SCRIPTURES OR THE POWER OF GOD?"

a. IN OTHER WORDS, "YOU GUYS HAVE NOT BEEN READING  
YOUR BIBLES!"

6. NOTICE JESUS MAKES THE DISTINCTION (34-35) BETWEEN "THIS  
AGE" & "THAT AGE" ...

a. IN OTHER WORDS, LIFE IN HEAVEN, WHILE SIMILAR IN SOME  
WAYS TO HERE ON EARTH, WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY  
DIFFERENT...

b. IN HEAVEN THERE WILL BE NO BARRIERS WITH REGARD TO  
TIME OR SPACE---TRY TO WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND  
THOSE CONCEPTS!

7. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE  
MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP IN HEAVEN DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE  
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER.

8. JESUS TELLS HIS LISTENERS 3 THINGS ABOUT THOSE WHO WILL  
TAKE PART IN THE RESURRECTION IN HEAVEN:

a. MARRIAGE DOESN'T APPLY TO THEM---NOT NECESSARY  
BECAUSE THEY WILL BE IMMORTAL...

b. THE CHILD-BEARING RESPONSIBILITY WRITEN IN THE  
CREATION ACCOUNT WILL BE IRRELEVANT---WE WON'T  
NEED ANY MORE PEOPLE!

c. THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN NO LONGER DIE...

d. THEY ARE LIKE THE ANGELS---I THINK THIS IS POINTING TO  
THEIR IMMORTALITY.

9. THE PROBLEM WITH THE SADDUCEES WAS THEY HAD SUCH A LIMITED VIEW OF THE POWER OF GOD---THEY SAW THE WORLD CONTINUING AS IT IS---JESUS SAID YOU'RE NOT THINKING PROPERLY.

10. JESUS PROVES HIS POINT WITH AN O. T, BIBLE LESSON (37)

a. IN THE ACCOUNT OF MOSES & THE BUSH (EXO. 3)---EVEN MOSES SHOWED THAT THE DEAD RISE...

b. HE CALLED THE LORD THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, & JACOB---ALL WHO HAD BEEN DEAD FOR A LONG TIME...

c. "HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD, BUT OF THE LIVING, FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE."

d. PAUL PUTS IT THIS WAY (1 COR. 15) "IF ONLY FOR THIS LIFE WE HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST, WE ARE TO BE PITIED MORE THAN ALL MEN."

11. "AND NO ONE DARED TO ASK HIM ANY MORE QUESTIONS."

a. JESUS 3---RELIGIOUS LEADERS 0!



## APPLICATION:

1. IN THE PASSAGE BEFORE US THE SADDUCEES NEITHER KNEW THE SCRIPTURES NOR APPRECIATED THE AMAZING POWER OF GOD...
  - a. IN CONTRAST, THOSE OF US WHO TRUST IN CHRIST HAVE BEEN ENABLED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO ASK THE REASON OF US FOR THE HOPE THAT WE HAVE...
  - b. WE SHOULD ALL HAVE A LITTLE FLAG ON OUR CAR WITH ONE WORD ON IT---HOPE!
  
2. ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES THE N. T. MAKES BETWEEN BELIEVERS & NON-BELIEVERS IS THE HOPE WE HAVE...
  - a. "AT ONE TIME WE WERE WITHOUT GOD AND WITHOUT HOPE IN THE WORLD."
  - b. (1 PET.) "WE HAVE BEEN BORN ANEW TO A LIVING HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD."
  - c. OUR WORLD IS MADE UP OF TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE--- THE HOPEFUL & THE HOPELESS

3. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF A PASTOR, WITH THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IS TO PREPARE THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR DEATH...

4. WITH THE STRESS ON THE RESURRECTION IN TODAY'S SCRIPTURE, HERE ARE 2 THINGS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU:

a. THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATION...

i. THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH PREPARATION WENT INTO OUR WEDDING, GRADUATION, OR VOCATION...

ii. ARE WE READY TO DIE WELL?

iii. SOMEONE HAS SAID: "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE COME TO DIE, WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO BUT DIE."

b. IT IS VITAL THAT WE COME TO VIEW DEATH FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE...

i. I DON'T MEAN TO SEEM MORBID THIS MORNING, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT EACH OF US COULD VIEW DEATH IN THE SAME LIGHT AS THE GREAT MISSIONARY

ADONIRAM JUDSON WHO ONCE SAID: “WHEN CHRIST  
CALLS ME HOME I SHALL GO WITH A GLADNESS OF A  
SCHOOL-BOY BOUNDING AWAY FROM SCHOOL.”

WHEN DANIEL CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HOW IT WILL END:

(DAN. 12:2-3)---THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

(1 PET. 3:15) “BUT IN YOUR HEARTS SET APART CHRIST AS LORD.

ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO  
ASKS YOU TO GIVE A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE.

BUT DO THIS WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT...”