



# REACHING OUR CITIES FOR CHRIST

Luke 19:45-20:47

## Preach the Gospel

In Hardship

The Proclamation of the Hard Truth

### A Bold and Strong Defense (Luke 19:45-48)

Jesus casted those out of the temple who were selling merchandise. By casting them out, He insisted on ownership or at least authority over the place. His teaching was not in silence but required bold and risky maneuvers. This event undoubtedly further enraged the leaders to kill Him. But His time was near. This action was appropriate to do now. He could have done it before but now it was time.

**Chief Priests,  
Scribes and Elders  
Confront Jesus  
Luke 20:1-18**

**Chief Priests  
Send Spies  
Luke 20:19-26**

**Sadducees Bait  
Jesus  
Luke 20:27-47**

### Question of Authority

Jesus cleverly avoided clearly answering them through giving them a question about who sent John the Baptist. However, we notice in verse 20:8 that Jesus does not deny His authority to do those things.

### Trickery at its worst

Jesus was met up with those who were pretending to be righteous. They unsuccessfully tried to sneak by Jesus' discrimination. And again He stumped everyone with His answer, "Whose head and inscription does it have? ...Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

### 'Oldie but Goodie'

Here we have those who even deny a resurrection to engage in one of their traditional arguments about the resurrection that always causes division. Jesus first rebukes them by pointing to those "who are considered worthy to attain tot hat age" because they didn't even think there was such an age and thus disqualified themselves. Secondly, He uses truth to show the senselessness of their petty arguments. Thirdly, He gives them scripture proving the resurrection, providing them with a puzzle demonstrating their own ignorance.

### Parable of Authority

Jesus went on with a parable teaching them how authority is sometimes rebelled against and the consequences of doing so. We find that Jesus asserts His authority and clearly warns these leaders of their responsibility to listen to Him or pay the consequences.

Bringing the gospel to the city will only be done by spreading the teaching of the Lord. Even though in great difficulty and risk, the Lord "preached the gospel." He matched His answers with the roughness and cleverness of His opponents. We might empty a city of paganism and evil but unless we fill it with God's truth, then we have still lost. Even now we must preach the gospel and penetrate as far into the heart of the city as we can.

**"But He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone'?" "**

**"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." (Luke 20:17-18).**