

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Final Challenges in Light of the Cross

Luke 20:41-21:4

NOTES:

Review

1. Temple authorities attempt to humiliate Jesus with an absurd puzzle. (20:27-33)
2. Jesus exposes the limits of the Sadducee's understanding. (20:34-38)
3. The wisdom of the Son of God silences his opposition. (20:39-40)

Desiring his listeners to repent, Jesus challenges their....

... narrow messianic understanding. (20:41-44)

Luke 20:41 *But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 43 until I make your enemies your footstool." 44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"*

Luke 11:31 *The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.*

If you struggle with understanding....

2 Cor. 3:18 *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

... hidden motivation of self-importance. (20:45-47)

Luke 20:45 *And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."*

If you struggle with self-importance...

Rom. 12:3 *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

... love of money. (21:1-4)

Luke 21:1 *Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

If you struggle with love of money...

1 John 2:15 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Think about the mission, teaching, and identity of Jesus. In what ways are you growing in your understanding of him? Commit time this week to address areas of confusion or known misunderstanding and seek greater clarity.
- 2) Pride can blind us from the wisdom of God making unwise or unloving decisions more likely. Take inventory of your heart and identify potential areas where your security and confidence are not in Jesus. In prayer submit those things to your Heavenly Father, asking for his Holy Spirit to make you more like Jesus (2 Cor. 3:18).
- 3) One commentator has written: "It is not the amount that one gives God that matters most, but the spirit in which the gift is bestowed. And when the spirit is right a person will spontaneously give as much as he possibly can, however much it may cost him." Where is your heart at when you give? Do you trust God alone to supply for your needs? How does reliance on God free you up to be generous?

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