

AUTHORITY OPPOSED

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Sermon Theme: Since the Fall of Man, there has been conflict between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. Amid this conflict, Jesus encourages faithfulness over facades. Therefore, those who trust in Jesus must be aware of this kingdom conflict, engage it, and remain faithful in it.

I. Conflict Exposed – Read Luke 20:1-20

- A. Who are the different parties involved in the conflict with Jesus? What is the purpose of the religious leaders' question about Jesus' authority?
- B. Leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, He enters Jerusalem and proclaims the gospel in the temple. What does this teach us about the significance of Christ's preaching to His mission?
- C. Read Luke 20:9-18. How would you interpret verses 17-18? What is Jesus' point in telling this parable to his audience?
- D. Do you agree that what we talk about reveals what matters most to us? What does it look like to make each day of our lives meaningful for the sake of spreading the gospel?

II. Conflict Instigated – Read Luke 20:21-44

- A. In what ways does the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders intensify?
- B. Read Luke 20:21-26. What does it mean when Jesus says, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"? How is it an encouragement to you that the highest authority in all the world is God's authority?
- C. Read Luke 20:27-44. What does Jesus teach us about the reality of a future resurrection?
- D. Based on Luke 20:1-44, what are the different ways we see Jesus understand the reality of the conflict he faces and engage it with clarity, conviction, and courage?

III. Conflict Overturned – Read Luke 20:45-21:4

- A. How does Jesus describe the Scribes in vv. 45-47? Why will they face a greater judgment?
- B. How is the poor widow different from the religious leaders? What does it look like to live by faith like this widow?
- C. Who in your life do you find the most difficult to share the gospel with? What are some ways you would like to grow in engaging unbelievers with clarity, conviction, and courage?