


Teaching and Conflict in the Temple


Luke 19:45 – 20:8

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Key issues in this section

- Who has authority from God?
- What activities are appropriate for the temple?
- The Sanhedrin and their allies want to destroy Jesus
- The people “hear” Jesus



Jesus casts out the money changers

- **Luke 19:45**

Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,

Jesus cites Scripture to justify His prophetic action

- **Luke 19:46**

saying to them, “It is written, ‘And My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a robbers’ den.”

Isaiah 56:7 & Jeremiah 7:11

Jerusalem kills prophets

- **Luke 19:47**

And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,

The people listen i.e. “hear”

- **Luke 19:48**

and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.

Gospel preaching is the appropriate activity in the temple

■ **Luke 20:1**

On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him,

Gospel preaching in the temple happens again in Acts

■ **Acts 5:19 – 21a**

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life." Upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach.

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■ **Acts 5:25, 26**

But someone came and reported to them, "The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went along with the officers and proceeded to bring them back without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned).

The Jewish leadership questions
Jesus' authority

■ **Luke 20:2**

and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"

John the Baptist was a prophet
who pointed people to Jesus

■ **Luke 20:3, 4**

Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me: Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"

They are caught on the horns of a
dilemma

■ **Luke 20:5, 6**

They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

The leaders of Israel cannot identify a true prophet

■ **Luke 20:7, 8**

So they answered that they did not know where it came from. And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Applications and Implications

- 1) It is dangerous to seek refuge through religion without being right with God
- 2) We need to "hear" what God has said and obey
- 3) Recognize who Jesus is and submit to Him

1) It is dangerous to seek refuge through religion without being right with God

■ **Jeremiah 7:2 - 3**

Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this word and say, "Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the Lord! Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.'"

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■ **Jeremiah 7:4**

Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord."

1) It is dangerous to seek refuge through religion without being right with God

■ **Jeremiah 7:8 - 10**

"Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!' that you may do all these abominations?"

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■ **Jeremiah 7:11**

"Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares the Lord.

2) We need to "hear" what God has said and obey

■ **Luke 6:47, 48**

"Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built."

2) We need to "hear" what God has said and obey

■ **Luke 8:18** (NKJV)

"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

2) We need to "hear" what God has said and obey

■ **Acts 3:22** (NKJV)

For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you."

3) Recognize who Jesus is and submit to Him

Who is Jesus Christ?

- Luke 1:35: Son of God
- Luke 2:11: Savior, Christ, Lord
- Luke 4:34: The Holy One of God
- Luke 9:22: The Son of Man
- Luke 18:38: Son of David
- Luke 19:38: King
