

FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 20* 5/19-20/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

LUKE – Chapter 20 - Jesus' Authority Questioned - (vs. 1-8); The Parable of the Vinedressers – (vs. 9-19); The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar – (vs. 20-26); The Sadducees; What About the Resurrection – (vs. 27-40); Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord? – (vs. 41-44); Beware of the Scribes – (vs. 45-47).

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

Luk 20:1 Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him

- Jesus was teaching and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God and that is something that the people were longing for.

Luk 20:2 and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

- They are referring to His closing up their little shops. To His getting rid of the money changers in the temple area.
- They were wanting Him to answer, “God gave Me the authority. My Father gave Me the authority.” So that they could arrest Him, saying He has spoken blasphemously. He said God gave Him the authority to do this. Knowing their intentions, He responded with the same question to them.

Luk 20:3-4 But He answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: [4] The baptism of John—was it (asking Him for source of authority) from heaven or from men?”

- Jesus was always the Master of every situation. They came and they are challenging Him and seeking to put Him on the defensive. But He immediately turns it right around and puts them, I will ask you a question. You see, He did not answer theirs, He just said I will ask you a question. “John’s baptism, was it of heaven, or of men”? They got their heads together, saying, It is a dilemma, a “catch twenty-two.”

Luk 20:5-8 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ [6] But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.” [7] So they answered that they did not know where it was from. [8] And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

- Jesus did not tell them directly, but He gave them a parable. In the parable indirectly, He alludes to the authority by which He was doing these things.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Luk 20:9 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time.

- In Isaiah, along with Psalm 80, and Jeremiah, we have allegories comparing the nation of Israel to a vineyard. One with which they were all very familiar. The idea is everything was done in order, the field was prepared, the rocks were taken out, the walls were built, the winepress was put in, the tower was there. They took the best vines to plant in the field because he wanted to create good wine. But when it came time to harvest the grapes, they were sour! They were like wild grapes.
- (Isa 5:1-7) Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. [2] He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. [3] And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. God is challenging them now to judge. [4] What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? God is saying, What more could I have done for these people than what I did?
- So as Jesus now speaks a parable of the vineyard, they realized that He is talking about the nation of Israel. This vineyard was leased to vinedressers and went into a far country for a long time.

Luk 20:10-12 Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat (dero – flayed, scourge, beating skin off) him and sent him away empty-handed. [11] Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. [12] And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

- He sent another servant...and again he sent a third servant. What kind of a master is this? The expected reaction is that the master would have come back to settle the score upon receiving the news that the first servant had been rejected and beaten. The unusual part in that culture is this master is so patient and long-suffering! No landowner on earth ever would so! But there is a gracious God in heaven, who has given every opportunity to these hard-hearted people-and to us! And Who would send His own dear Son?
- He said, But you are worse than all of them because you killed the One that the prophets were all prophesying about. You killed the Messiah, the Son of God! Of course, they really began to gnash on him with their teeth. They went into a frenzy, dragging him out of the city, stoning him to death.

- **The vinedressers were those who were to cultivate**, to nourish and to watch over the development to see that fruit would come and they were to then offer the fruit unto the Lord of the vineyard.
- **It was God's purpose and desire that the nation of Israel** be a witness to the world of God's love and God's blessing upon those people who will obey and follow God. God had promised that He was going to bless them. If you will just keep these statutes, these covenants that I have made with you, then I'm going to bless you. The purpose was that all the world could see that it pays, really pays to serve God. But they were not a witness to the world. God did everything for them, gave them the prophets, gave them His word, gave them men who were anointed by God and yet they. God said, What more could I do than what I have done? Why is it that they have not brought forth real fruit but only wild grapes?
- **So here, God is still looking for the fruit**, but they are bringing forth wild grapes.

Luk 20:13 *"Then the owner (that is God) of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.'*

- **So, who gave you the authority?"** God said, *"I will send My beloved Son:* surely they will reverence Him." Indirectly He is telling them by what authority He had come and was judging the religious practices. My Father's house was to be a house of prayer, He said, but you have made it a den of thieves. My Father's house. The Father is now sending His own beloved Son.

Luk 20:14 *But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.'*

- **They had already had several conferences and had determined** that He had to be put to death. This was a foregone kind of a conclusion, We must kill Him. If we do not kill Him, we are going to lose our position as the religious leaders over these people. We are going to lose our influence. The very thing that they were afraid of losing, they did lose when they rejected Jesus and they said, (Mat 27:25) *"His blood be upon us, and our children.* How they suffered for that as the Roman troops completely destroyed Jerusalem, causing immense suffering.
- **It was as though Jesus was reading the words that were being said** in their inner councils as they were plotting to kill Him. *This is the heir. Come, let us kill him!*

Luk 20:15 *So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?*

- **Outside the vineyard.** (Heb 13:11,12) *For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. [12] Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*
- **This is a prophecy. Within three days, Jesus was hanging on a cross.** They had carried out their conspiracy against Him. They arrested Him in the dark of night, having a trial at night. Very early in the morning the brought Him to Pilate before people knew what was going on. By nine o'clock in the morning, He was hanging on a cross. They killed Him.
- **What will the owner of the vineyard do to them?** Jesus asked the question. Then He answered:

Luk 20:16 *He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others (allos – the same kind, *ecclesia* – the believers, church)." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" (God forbid in KJV)"*

- **It is now the purpose and the intent of God that the church of Jesus Christ be a witness** to the world of the blessings that God bestows upon those who love Him and serve Him. Jesus said to His disciples, (Mat 5:14). *"You are the light of the world."* That was God's intention for the nation of Israel. They failed. The vineyard has been taken from them and now given to others. It is our responsibility as the church of Jesus Christ to be the witness to the world.
- **The responsibility of the spiritual leader in the church, as a pastor-teacher, is to perfect you** for the work of the ministry. To build you up in Jesus Christ. To bring you into a knowledge and an understanding of the word of God and help you to make a practical application of God's word in your own life. That you might be a Christian who brings forth fruit. That the world might see the blessings that God bestows upon His people.
- **The fruit of the Spirit that God is seeking from your life**, the fruit that we seek to see developed is God's love, first and foremost. That you be filled with the love of God, which is first of all, love for God with your whole being, Him first, Him foremost, Him above everything else. Then that you love

one another, even as He gave His commandments. The fruit of that love is joy and peace. That love is manifested in the long-suffering and the patience with which we deal with one another's faults.

- **If we would only be as gracious with the faults of others as we are of our own**, it would be a very happy place. But God wants us to be forgiving, long-suffering, patient, kind and gentle. These are the characteristics that come from this love. This is what God is seeking from our lives. This is what God wants to perfect.
- **As the Lord comes to His vineyard, desiring the fruit, is He finding the fruit** that He is seeking or is He finding wild grapes? Sour grapes? So often in the church even, we hear people who are sour grapes on everything. Sour grapes can steal your joy.
- **Does the Lord really find what He is looking for in my heart, in my life?** The attitudes that I have, are they reflecting what God is desiring? That is a question for each of us.

Luk 20:17 Then He looked at them (stared them down) **and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED** (without examination) **HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE' ?**

(Psa 118:22) The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

- **Then He looked at them.** They got the parable. They realized that He was talking about them. In verse nineteen, *And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.*
- **What is this that is written? Jesus said to them, this is your word. It is your scriptures, The Old Testament! THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THE SAME IS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE?** Explain this scripture! They were the builders. They rejected the stone, the rock. But God has made it the chief cornerstone!
- **God prophesied in Psalm 118 that when the Messiah came, the builders, the Jewish spiritual, religious leaders, will reject that stone, The Messiah!** But it will have no bearing on His importance as the Messiah. They will not get rid of Him in that way because He will, and has become the chief cornerstone, which is the most important stone and entire building. Everything else about that building is measured from it.
- **God is saying, the One that you are rejecting**, thinking it is not worthy, is going to *become the chief cornerstone*. He is going to become the standard for what it means to know God and to have a relationship with God and what a godly life looks like! Jesus has done exactly that. He is telling them even in your rejection of Me you are fulfilling prophecy! You are doing the very same thing. We are three days away from My crucifixion. This is where you fit in with the Old Testament in terms of prophecies. He has confronted them strongly with it!

Luk 20:18 Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

- **The people and the Apostles knew exactly what He was talking about.** Later Peter said, *(Act 4:10-11) let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. [11] This is the 'STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE.'*
- **(Rom 9:33) As it is written: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STUMBLING STONE AND ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."** **(1Co 1:23) but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,**
- **This cornerstone is Jesus, who is holding everything together; everything is measured off that cornerstone!** In order to come to into a relationship with Jesus as His disciple, it is necessary to fall upon the stone and be broken. It is necessary to move from serving my will, to become subservient to His will and for my death to self, so that a new life can begin in my life. It always requires a brokenness to become a Christian. But it always gives way to life!
- **The only alternative is to one day have that stone fall upon a person and then grind him to powder, speaking of the judgment that will come upon such a person as they are judged and crushed by Jesus Himself at that great White Throne Judgment.**
- **He is not a stumbling stone, but He is my chief cornerstone! How fully am I aware of what all it means to say that? He is not only my Jesus my Savior, my eternal High Priest!**

He is also my cornerstone! Everything about my life is to be measured in relationship to Him! He is the Chief Cornerstone that bears all weight! He holds everything together inside and out of my life! He has not ground me to powder but has given me life! Eternal life! How thankful am I?

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Luk 20:19-20 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. [20] So they watched (to test, entangle) Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

- They were wanting to turn Him over to the Roman government, accusing Him of insurrection or treason against Rome in order that the Roman government might put Him to death. They sent out these fellows to pretend like they were very interested and very respectful of the things He had to say and to ask Him lead type of questions. They were looking for something to create charges that they might bring to Rome.

Luk 20:21 Then they (the spies) asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:

- What you are saying is true. they come to him with the idea that they appear to be genuine seekers with genuine questions. But they are so out of touch with being genuine. They do not even know how to pretend, they end up making flattering statements to Jesus!

Luk 20:22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

- Regarding these taxes that the Roman government is forcing upon us, is it lawful that we pay them or not? They thought that they had in dilemma, a catch twenty-two. Because if Jesus said, Yes, it is lawful that you pay your taxes to Caesar; then that will turn the crowd against Him. No one liked paying taxes to Rome. That was something that irritated all of them and He was gaining popular appeal. So, they knew that it would immediately turn the crowd against Him. Fickle crowd.
- If He said, You should not pay taxes to Caesar, then they could report Him to the governor, claiming He is encouraging people not to pay their taxes. Thus, they get Him arrested as a rebel against Rome. Which is what they wanted, to have him under the custody of Rome, in order to have Him crucified!

Luk 20:23-24 But He perceived (saw through) their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? [24] Show Me a denarius (a Roman coin). Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's."

- Whose image do I have on my heart? Caesar takes the coin, stamping his image on it one time. God takes us and puts His image on us, His superscription. But we rebelled against Him. He didn't let us go. First he minted us, created us. Then, He redeemed us! Twice He paid for us, in the making and in the buying back. How much do I owe Him?

Luk 20:25 And He said to them, "Render (give what is owed) therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

- (Rom 13:7) Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.
- "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." As Christians, we are told we are to pay taxes to whom taxes are due. Render tribute to whom tribute is due. Tribute is taxes. We are not to avoid or evade paying the taxes that are due. Even if the taxes are oppressive, God has put into the government those whom He would. As Christians we are not to be rebelling against the government. We are to render taxes to whom taxes are due. Render to Caesar that which is Caesar's.
- But the other part is more important! Render unto God the things that are God's! Are we giving God His due. We tend to complain, but pay our taxes to Caesar, but we tend much less to render to God what is due Him! This is the real issue here for us!
- **Do I recognize that God's image is on me? Have I rendered, given all that is due Him? As Isaac Watts wrote 300 years ago "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a**

present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all." O Lord, have my soul, my life my all!

Luk 20:26 But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.

- They could not catch Him in His words...they marveled at His answer and kept silent! Wow, notice it is impossible to catch or trap Jesus! He got out of it perfectly, to the point where they asked Him no more questions!

Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

Luk 20:27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

- The high priest's family were Sadducees ("sons of Zadok" or "Zadokites," tracing their lineage back to Zadok. They were materialists. They did not believe in resurrection, in life after death. They did not believe in spirits. They did not believe in angels. They were pure materialists. Humanists of the day. They were "sad, you see!")

Luk 20:28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

- That's a part of the Mosaic law and it was practiced before the law was ever given. It was a custom that if a man married a woman, and he died without having any children, as a family obligation and duty his brother was to take that woman as his wife. The first child that was born would be named after the dead brother. So that his name would not be lost.

Luk 20:29-31 Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. [30] And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. [31] Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died.

- Don't you think they should have called the forensic detectives and found out what is in their coffee that she was making or something? It seems like there is something suspicious here.

Luk 20:32-36 Last of all the woman died also. [33] Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife." [34] Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. [35] But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; [36] nor can they die anymore, for they are equal (like) to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

- The family order has been designed by God. It is a part of God's plan. (Gen 1:22a) And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply. The idea was that the family unit was to provide a secure, loving environment for the raising of children. That is the purpose of the family, the family unit. To perpetuate the human race, that the children might grow up in the secure environment of a loving family.
- There will be no propagating in the kingdom of God. There will be no reproduction in that kingdom. "Neither can they die anymore." We will be as the angels. There will be a whole different kind of relationship.
- Heaven will have so many glorious surprises for you and the relationships there will be so far superior to the best relationship here. You do not have to worry about it. God has such glorious things prepared for us that it is even foolish to spend much time even dealing with it.

Luk 20:37-38 But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.' [38] For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.

- These are Sadducees, they did not believe in the resurrection. "But now," Jesus said, "that the dead are raised,"
- The Pharisees thought that is good! They believed in the resurrection. They were always arguing with the Sadducees over this issue. This was the thing that divided them, the issue of the resurrection

from the dead. So, when Jesus answered the Sadducees with this powerfully logical demonstration of the dead being raised, "He is not the God of the dead but of the living," they liked that.

Luk 20:39 Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

- Then some of the scribes answered, Master, that was great! *You have spoken well!*

Luk 20:40 But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

- He finished off their questions very well!

Whose Son Is the Christ? - (Mat 22:42) saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

Luk 20:41 And He said to them, "How can they say (What do you think of the Messiah?) that the Christ is the Son of David?

- Jesus asks a question now. This is the last public appeal and challenge that Jesus makes. What a challenging question it is! What do you think of Christ? This was a huge question for them. It is a huge question for us because what you think of Christ determines where you are going to spend eternity! Because if you believe that He is just a man, you are going to enter eternity based on that, you will not go to heaven! The Jews believed and still do, citing (**Deu 18:15**) "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear." They believe the Messiah will be a man, not the Son of God. If He is God, the God man, divine, then the Bible is true, Christianity is true, and you're going to enter eternity based on that!
- Jesus is going to put a foolproof argument in front of them, a log jam that they can't get past. I think He does it tenderly. The Messiah. What do you think of Him? Whose son is He? They immediately say He is the Son of David. Throughout the Psalms, the Old Testament is filled with acknowledging that it will be somebody from David's lineage. When Gabriel told Mary that she will conceive of the Holy Spirit, saying He shall sit on the throne of His father David, forever. So, they had no problem admitting. That the Messiah was the son of David, that was his lineage.
- Whose son is He? This question is central to everything we believe. No one will go to heaven who does not believe that Jesus is Lord. (**Php 2:10-11**) *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. No one will go to heaven unless they believe that Jesus is Lord!*

Luk 20:42-43 Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'THE LORD (YHWH - YaHWeH, Jehovah) SAID (an oracle, a Divine announcement) TO MY LORD (adon i - Lord), "SIT (be enthroned!) AT MY RIGHT HAND, [43] TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."

- He quoted to them a psalm concerning the Messiah, (**Psa 110:1**) The LORD (Yahweh) said to my Lord (Adoni), "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Luk 20:44 Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"

- God promised David that the Messiah would come through his line. That was God's promise that His genealogy was to be from the line of Abraham, through David. He would be David's son! "There shall never cease to be one of your seed, your son sitting upon the throne forever" (**IKi 9:5**) then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel." The Messiah would come through David!
- Jesus posed a difficult question to them because in their culture, there was such a strong patriarchal emphasis. There was no way a father would ever call his son, Lord! There was always that high respect for the father! The father was always called the Lord! Never the son. Never by the father. So, Jesus is saying, How is it then, if the Messiah is David's son, how is it that David called him Lord?
- How is He then his son? But Jesus if is just the human descendant of David, when he died on the cross, he died as a martyr. His death didn't buy anything. If He was divine, sinless, then He died on the cross for sins that were not His own. His death purchased a value that He doesn't need to redeem. That you and I are given the opportunity to redeem, if He is who He says he is! That is quite a pronouncement! Purchasing with His death a value that He doesn't need, that He offers to us! He does not need it! That redemption, He offers to you!

- **Does my life reflect that I truly believe that Jesus, my Lord, and Savior, is fully God and fully man? That He was sinless, that He died on the cross as a substitute for payment of my sins; that He rose afterwards in power to demonstrate that He is just and that we can be justified; that He came to earth to die that I might live and that for all eternity?**

Beware of the Scribes

Luk 20:45 *Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples,*

- He turned now from them! He had stumped them! They have no answer, nor did He give them one. He turns now to the rest of the people, giving them a warning.

Luk 20:46 *"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,*

- *Beware of the scribes.* You must constantly look out for religious phonies, who always seem to be around to distract and discourage your walk with the Lord! Watch out for that crowd of religious hypocrites! They love the acknowledgment and the recognition of the people. They love to wear the long robes that distinguish them as religious men. They love the people in the marketplace bowing, saying, Rabbi, Rabbi. They love the rewards, the special treatments, their position, more than the truth!

Luk 20:47 *who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."*

- Their prayers were just a show of their self-righteousness. "For a pretense make long prayers."
- *These will receive greater condemnation.* Again, to the people, He is saying, watch out for these guys, they are dangerous.
- Lord Jesus, thank You for my salvation! For saving me! What can I say, but "Thank You, Jesus, for the cross!"

SUMMARY

- **He is not a stumbling stone, but He is my chief cornerstone! How fully am I aware of what all it means to say that? He is not only my Jesus my Savior, my eternal High Priest! He is also my cornerstone! Everything about my life is to be measured in relationship to Him! He is the Chief Cornerstone that bears all weight! He holds everything together inside and out of my life! He has not ground me to powder but has given me life! Eternal life! How thankful am I? (Luke 20:18)**
- **Do I recognize that God's image is on me? Have I rendered, given all that is due Him? As Isaac Watts wrote 300 years ago "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all." O Lord, have my soul, my life my all! (Luke 20:25)**
- **Does my life reflect that I truly believe that Jesus, my Lord, and Savior, is fully God and fully man? That He was sinless, that He died on the cross as a substitute for payment of my sins; that He rose afterwards in power to demonstrate that He is just and that we can be justified; that He came to earth to die that I might live and that for all eternity?**
- (Luke 20:44)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS – Isaac Watts 1674-1748 (1707) – (3:00)

1. *When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.*
2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*
3. *Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.
Thou hast my soul, my life my all!*

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 21!