

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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### THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD - PART 3

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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#### Luke 20:1-16

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 :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?" :3 But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: :4 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?" :5 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." :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. :10 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 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. :13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' :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.' :15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? :16 He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when **they** heard it **they** said, "**Certainly not!**"

Mark this well Bible students, **Verses 1 and 16**  
these two verses act as bookends to an argument that the priests, the scribes, and  
elders, who “thought themselves to be something”, generated in an attempt to  
overthrow the mission & ministry of Jesus Christ.

## **THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD.** **THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON**

### **1.) The witness of Jesus Christ**

**v.1-8**

#### **Colossians 1:19**

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

#### **Colossians 1:14-15**

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins  
**:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

### **1a.) By His witness we know the love of God**

**v.1a**

Now it happened on one of those days, as He **taught** the people in the temple <sup>(within)</sup>  
and **preached** the gospel, <sup>(without)</sup> ....

### **People Often Wonder...**

“What would God say to mankind if He were to speak today?”

Friend, you’re reading right here - - right now what God has said and is saying,!

#### **Malachi 3:6**

“For I *am* the LORD, I do not change;

#### **Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### **Hebrews 1:1-2**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the **fathers** by the  
**prophets**, **:2** has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son,

### **About “teaching” and “preaching” in Jesus’ day**

in Jesus’ day, every rabbi of the day quoted or cited another rabbi.

“Rabbi Slomo says this, rabbi Avi says the other. Jesus didn’t teach like that.

**Matthew 7:28-29 & Luke 4:32**

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, :**29** for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **Luke 4:32** And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

**Imagine**, the Word of God, taking a Human form standing, speaking, teaching and preaching right in front of you?

**John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**1 John 1:1-2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— :**2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— :**3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**Psalms 107:20**

He sent His word and healed them and delivered *them* from their destructions.

## THE WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

### **1b.) By His witness we know the patience of God v.1b-3**

*(while He was teaching & preaching)* ... the chief **priests** and the **scribes**, together with the **elders**, **confronted** Him :**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?” :**3** But He answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:

who are these guys?

#### **They Were The Sanhedrin – Pharisees on Steroids**

it was made up of three heads. each one was responsible for a particular area of a Jews life. **The Chief Priests** had authority over the religious affairs of your life. **The Scribes** had authority over your moral conduct. And **The Elders** had authority over how you lived your life publicly.

Collectively, these three loved having authority over the lives of others, but rejected any authority that others might have over them – *they were a perfect little “clique of religious carnality” wrapped up in a man-made club.*

### **the chief priests:**

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These guys claimed “Abraham to be their father”  
*yet they didn’t have the faith of Abraham*

### **the scribes:**

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these guys claimed to be “Fulfilling the Law & Moses”  
*yet they didn’t obey the Law & Moses”*

### **the elders:**

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these guys claimed to be “Guardians of the Prophets”  
yet, like their fathers, they rejected the Prophets announcements.

**these 3 stooges  
led a revolt, a coup against Jesus Christ, The Son of God**

**authority** grk: **ejxousi+a exousia**, ex-oo-see´-ah;  
privileges, freedom, jurisdiction, or liberty.  
the meaning carries with it; the place of mastery, honor, leadership.

**gave** grk: **di÷dwmi didomi**, did´-o-mee;  
who is he who **gave** You this authority?  
who bestowed, granted, ordained upon.

### **“Who Made You The Boss”?**

this kind of attack will always arise from weak, insecure,  
power hungry men who are seeking prominence, control and attention.

The Lord is patient with these kind of people as He is with us,  
the difference is they think they’re better, the bigger, the more spiritual.

Self-Appointed Priests, Scribes and Elders are Dangerous People.

### **Human Nature Lusts for Authority.**

man seeks to establish it. man attempts to enforce it.

yet the greatest authority that has ever graced this earth was the most meek and mild  
of all humans, Who Himself never sought authority, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**While Here, in Human Flesh, Jesus Christ  
Looked to God the Father to Establish His Authority.**

**John 5:26-27**

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, :27 and has **given Him authority** to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

**Jesus Then Bestowed Authority Upon Those He Appointed.**

no one was to **grab** it, **take** it, self-appoint it, **loan** it, **sell** it, **assume** it.

**Matthew 28:18-19**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All **authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. :19 **Go** therefore and make disciples (followers of Me) of all the nations, (*jew & gentile alike*)

**Luke 9:1-2**

Then He called His twelve disciples together and **He gave them power and authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. :2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

**the Only Authority That is True Authority**

is a God appointed, God ordained, & God authorized authority!

**Romans 13:1-2**

Let every soul be subject to the governing **authorities**. For there is no **authority** except from God, and the **authorities** that exist are appointed by God. :2 Therefore whoever resists the **authority** resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment upon themselves.

"But Pastor Jack, What If the Government Passes a Law that says you cannot be a Christian or share the gospel with other people?"

You're to Obey the Authority of God as Revealed in the Word because man can pervert God given authority and create anti-god laws. just look at the Governor or Senator Diane Finetune & Barbra Boxer.  
*(God-given authority abused by man)*

**Acts 5:28-29**

and the authorities said; "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in Jesus' name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" :29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "**We ought to obey God rather than men.**"

# THE WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

## 1c.) By His witness we know the wisdom of God v. 4-8

:4 The baptism of John - - was it from heaven or from men?" :5 And they **reasoned** (deliberated) 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."

These Guys Had Been Telling People That "They Had the Answers" and Jesus Christ backs them right into a corner with their own reason.

### Pickled Pharisee on the Menu

if they admitted that John the Baptist was a Prophet then they would be admitting that they were sinners like the rest of us, and that John's message was true. - - what was John's message?

#### John 1:29,34

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!... :34 And I have seen and testified that this is **the Son of God.**"

#### John 5:34-37

Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. :35 He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. :36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. :37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.

## THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD. THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON

### 2.) The Sonship of Jesus Christ

v.9-13

#### 2a.) Through His Sonship He connects God to man v.9-10a

: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. :10 Now at

vintage-time he **sent a servant** to the vinedressers, (the prophets) that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard.

**The Vineyard in Scripture was and is the Nation of Israel.**

(Psalm 80:8-16, Isaiah 5:1-7, Isaiah 27:2-5, Jeremiah 2:21, Ezekiel 19:10-14, Hosea 10:1)

The Issue is **“God Ordained”** Authority

**A Textbook Example of God Ordained Authority // Matthew 8:8-10**

The centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. **:9** For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, “Go,’ and he goes; and to another, “Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.” **:10** When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!  
– *(the man understood that Jesus’ mission was to do the will of the father)*

**Proverbs 30:4**

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son’s name, If you know?

**2b.) Through His Sonship He restores man to God v.10b-12**

But the vinedressers beat 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.

a traffic cop has absolute authority if he’s dressed properly. sporting his uniform, hat and badge – the world obeys him. Jesus Christ came to earth “dressed properly” sporting His human body, His mission and authority

**1 John 1:1-2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - - **:2** the life was **manifested**, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was **manifested** to us - -  
*“became a human”*

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:  
God was **manifested** in the flesh,

## Why? - - Because, That's Why!

### 1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God and one **Mediator** between **God** and **men**, the **Man-Christ** Jesus,

### Colossians 1:20

by Him He has reconciled all things to Himself, by Him, whether they be things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

A. W. Tozer writes

“The only reasonable relationship between God and man is one of full Lordship on His part and complete submission on our part.”

**There is no way to draw close to Jesus Christ, close to God** without submission to His authority. the more we submit to His will, the closer we approach Him, the closer we approach Him, the more we desire to submit.  
(it's a relationship of choices, daily, cross bearing choices)

## THE SONSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

### 2c.) Through His Sonship He bridges the difference v.13

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send “**my beloved son**”. Perhaps they will **respect** him when they **see** (behold) him.’

**respect** grk: **ejntre+pw entrepo**, en-trep´-o;

to receive, to host, to welcome in. to give honor and allegiance due.

**see** grk: **ei¶dw eido**, i´-do.

to become aware of, to look intently at, to examine, inspect, to perceive.

to come to the understanding of.

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This is an Amazing Attempt by Jesus Christ  
to find some sign of spiritual life inside of these dying men.

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“Then the owner of the vineyard (God the Father) said, ‘What shall I do?  
I will send “**my beloved son**”. (God the Son)

It Echo's Back to a Day,  
Just 3 and Half Years Earlier at the Jordan River.



**The Sanhedrin was There Then - - Luke 3:22**

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, **“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”**

Why is This Examination of the Sanhedrin Important?  
– because Jesus Had to be Examined like this.

**Exodus 12:1-6, John 1:29**

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, :2 “This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. :3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: “On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. :4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. :5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. :6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. - - **John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Again / Hebrews 1:1-3 / Again**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son**, whom He has appointed **heir of all things**, through whom also He made the worlds; :3 who being the brightness of His glory and **the express image of His person**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had **by Himself** purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Galatians 4:4**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

**THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD.  
THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON**

**3.) The calling of Jesus Christ**

**v.14-16**

### 3a.) By His calling man's heart is exposed v.14

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

Their Thoughts; "we will dominate the world. we will establish our kingdom on earth. we will reign in His place – we will be like our god

With this one indictment, Jesus exposes what was in their hearts;  
With This Parable, Jesus Christ lets them know, that He knows, what they are pretending not to know. - so now you know!!!

That "He is The Son of God" – *but they could not allow this to be true...*

many people today know exactly this same thing.  
– *but they could not allow this to be true...*

it upsets their cult, their man-made religion, legalistic, terroristic hold on men.

#### Isaiah 28:15b

...We have made a covenant with death, and **with hell** are we at agreement;

Let's Redefine "Who Jesus Christ Is"  
*so we can change him.*

Let's Downgrade "Who Jesus Christ Is"  
*and we can be like him.*

Let's Kill "Who Jesus Christ Is"  
*so we can be greater than him.*

every cult, every false religion, every work of man or devil; invents and introduces a false Jesus Christ into the world. a freakish collection of the counterfeit Christs that cannot agree on anything except this – The Son of God in the Bible cannot be Who He said He was, – *we cannot allow this to be true...*

## THE CALLING OF JESUS CHRIST

### 3b.) By His calling man's plots are known v.15

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

Christian, don't be fooled. If Jesus Christ were to be born in Bethlehem again, this world would run Him out of town, mock Him, beat Him and crucify Him again!

## Today, Among Us, The Vineyard is Your Heart & Life

### **3c.) By His calling man's future is revealed v.16**

He will come and <sup>(1)</sup> **destroy** those vinedressers and <sup>(2)</sup> **give** the vineyard to others.”  
And when **they** heard (this) **they** said, “**Certainly not!**” (*no way*)

Jesus Christ Gives Them 2  
things to think about regarding their “near-present-future.”

(1)  
you're in a “state of destruction” and if you continue on in it,  
you're going to be destroyed in the end.

(2)  
what you set out to achieve for yourself, it is slipping through your hands  
as I speak to you. funny thing is, it will all be given to others who do believe.

#### **John 5:26-27**

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,  
:27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also,  
**because He is the Son of Man.** = the authority!!!

*End of Study*