

We will begin the seventeenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Today we will begin with chapter 20. /In verses 1-8, /Jesus spoke about His authority. /People asked Jesus about His authority.

/Jesus went into Jerusalem with the rights of a king, and He made the temple clean. /Jesus also chased out demons with His power and healed sicknesses. /The people asked about these two cases. /First, they asked, by what authority Jesus was doing this by. /Second, they asked who gave Jesus this authority.

/They could not ignore Jesus because Jesus' great authority was revealed. /However, the Sanhedrin did not give Jesus the authority to do these things. /That is why they asked Jesus if God gave Him the authority, or if it came from people, or if Jesus did this on His own.

/However, Jesus asked a question in response. /Jesus told them to answer first, and then He would answer them. /Jesus asked a question. /“Tell me, John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?”

/If they answered conscientiously, they would have answered, “From heaven.” /All the people knew this. /They themselves knew this. /However, if they acknowledged that John's baptism came from heaven, /they would have to believe John and believe in Jesus as well.

/This was because John testified that Jesus is Christ. /If they said that John's baptism came from men, /people would stone them /because everyone believed that John the Baptist was a prophet. /They were worried about this.

/They discussed among themselves and said, “We don't know.” /This was a political answer. /This was faith without conscience. /This was the way and method of man. /They answered so that the situation would be in their favor.

/In 1 Timothy 1:19, /it says that believers would be shipwrecked in their faith if they do not use the good conscience. /In whatever believers do, it must agree with God's will. /To the people who gave a political answer, Jesus replied.

/He said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.” /Why didn't Jesus teach them? /People who throw away their conscience and do not seek the truth /and chase after greed /will not understand even if they are taught the truth.

/It was like throwing pearls to pigs. /Even if they were taught the truth, they would tear at it and harm the truth. /Hence, the Lord did not teach them.

/In verses 9-19, /Jesus told the parable of the tenants. /The “man” in the parable is God. /The “vineyard” is the church. /The place the man went to is heaven.

/The tenants are the Israelites. /In verse 10, “harvest time” is the time when God's fruit

will be demanded. /The “servants” are the prophets. /The owner sent one servant to the tenants for some fruit.

/However, the tenants severely beat the servant and sent him away. /The owner then sent another servant. /The tenants beat him as well. /The owner sent a third servant. /The tenants beat him and threw him out.

/This means that God sent many prophets to Israel, but they persecuted the prophets. /The owner of the vineyard began to think. /He thought that the tenants would respect his son if he sent him. /Therefore, he sent his son to the tenants.

/The “son” here is God’s Son, Jesus. /The tenants saw the owner’s son and talked among themselves. /They said, “This is the heir. Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” /Thus, they threw the son out of the vineyard and killed him.

/The vineyard is God’s, /but the tenants made it their own and killed the son. /The tenants were thieves. /They were murderers. /They were ungrateful people. /That is why the owner would kill the wicked servants.

/The owner said that he would give the vineyard to others. /The church belongs to God. /We must offer our fruits to God. /We must give all glory to God.

/The church does not belong to pastors, /it does not belong to elders, /and it does not belong to believers. /What fruit must we offer to God? /We must offer the fruit of our businesses and studies to God.

/The Pharisees thought that the parable was about them. /Thus, they said in verse 16, “May this never be.” /However, it will be. /It will be because everyone will reap what they sow.

/Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22. /The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone. /The “builders” refer to religious leaders like chief priests and teachers of the law.

/The stone that the builders rejected became the capstone. /The chief priests and Pharisees rejected Jesus and threw Him out by nailing Him to the cross. /However, Jesus became the capstone of the spiritual temple.

/This verse says that Jesus Christ will be the foundation /of the construction of a great and eternal spiritual temple. /Those who stand against Jesus will be broken and crushed. /It says, “he on whom it falls.” /This means that Jesus Christ will judge all people.

/Anything that does not agree with God’s word will be judged by the Lord on the Day of Judgment. /In verse 19, the chief priests and Pharisees were always afraid. /They tried to appear upright before others. /Thus, they did not receive the word of life. /However, many people knew Jesus as a prophet.

/In verses 20-26, /Jesus talked about paying taxes to Caesar. /People tested Jesus. /The teachers of the law and the chief priests sent spies so that they could catch Jesus and send Him over to the power and authority of the governor. /If Jesus became trapped, they would accuse Him and kill Him.

/Hence, the chief priests sent their disciples as spies along with Herod's men. /They asked Jesus, "Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

/If Jesus said that it was right to pay taxes to Caesar, /it would clash with the expectations of the Jews, and they would claim that Jesus did not have the right to be Christ. /If Jesus said that it was not right to pay taxes to Caesar, /they would accuse Jesus of being a traitor to Caesar.

/Thus, their intention was to make Jesus be punished by the governor. /Jesus knew their scheme, and He told them to look at a denarius. /The denarius was a silver Roman currency.

/Caesar's face was inscribed on it. /Taxes were to be paid in denarii to the nation. /Jesus asked whose portrait and inscription was on the denarius. /They answered that it was Caesar's.

/Then Jesus said to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, /and give to God what is God's. /When Jesus said give to Caesar what is Caesar's, /He meant that they were to fulfill their duties and responsibilities to the nation.

/If we do not fulfill our duties to our country, /it becomes a sin against God. /We have the obligation to fulfill military duties, /tax duties, /educational duties, /labor duties, /and our duties and responsibilities to our country as citizens.

/It is right before God to do right to our country. /Jesus also said to give to God what is God's. /Then what is God's? /Everything in the universe belongs to God. /Our bodies and lives belong to God. /Sundays and tithes all belong to God.

/Worshiping in spirit and in truth also belong to God. /All glory belongs to God. /Therefore, we must give God all the glory. /All authority and power and fruit belong to God, and so we must offer it all to God.

/In verses 27-40, /Jesus answered questions about resurrection. /The Sadducees /and Pharisees here did not agree on their doctrines. /The Sadducees claimed that there was no resurrection, no souls, and no angels. /They were secularists.

/They asked Jesus a question. /If seven brothers were all married to one woman, /then whose wife would she be at the time of resurrection? /Then Jesus answered them. /When believers die, their souls go straight to heaven.

/When people die, their bodies return to the ground. /However, at the time of Jesus'

return, /the bodies will be resurrected into spiritual bodies and have eternal life. /When believers resurrect from the dead, they will neither marry /nor be given in marriage, /but will be like angels in heaven.

/Then Jesus quoted Exodus 3:6. /God told Moses that he was /“the God of Abraham, /and the God of Isaac, /and the God of Jacob.” /Moses was born at least 600 years after Abraham.

/If people’s souls disappeared after they died, /when Abraham died, /his relationship with God would have ended completely. /However, God told Moses 600 years after Abraham died, /that God was “the God of Abraham.”

/Thus, it means that Abraham’s soul was still alive at the time. /Abraham’s soul was in a relationship with God. /Jesus gave this answer to the Sadducees who did not believe that there was resurrection.

/In verses 41-44, /Jesus asked a question about David’s descendants. /The people said that Christ was the Son of David. /If Christ was the Son of David, /then why did David call Christ, “Lord”?

/Then Jesus quoted Psalm 110:1. /There, David knew and testified to Christ through the Holy Spirit. /David called Christ, “Lord,” because he knew spiritually that Christ is God’s Son. /However, in the humanly sense, Jesus was a descendant of David.

/Here, Jesus testified that He is both Spirit and man. /Jesus said, “until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” /This meant that Christ would conquer all His enemies and have victory.

/Jesus said, “Sit at my right hand.” /God’s right seat is the seat of glory and power. /It is an important seat. /The Pharisees did not know Jesus in the spiritual or humanly sense. /They did not realize that David called Christ, “Lord.” /Thus, they could not say anything in reply to Jesus’ question.

/In verses 45-47, /Jesus rebuked the hypocritical religious leaders. /The teachers of the law and the Pharisees were influential people in the region. /They dressed in long clothes. /They liked to be greeted in the marketplaces. /They liked to seat in the high seats at banquets.

/They liked to be called teachers by other people. /They liked to receive honor and glory. /Jesus said to watch out for hypocritical people like them. /This was because hypocritical people do not have life.

/They had the responsibility to look after widows. /However, they used different means to take away widows’ inheritances. /These religious leaders were far apart from God. /They used religion to gain riches.

/They lived for themselves. /Therefore, these people would receive severe judgment.

/In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus spoke about the widow's offering. /At the time, there was a treasury in the temple for offerings. /Today, it is biblical for there to be treasuries for offerings. /This incident happened when Jesus was near the treasury.

/One rich man put in a lot of money. /Then, Jesus saw a widow put in two copper coins, or two lepta, into the treasury. /The lepton was the Greek currency at the time. /This was worth half a kodrantes of the Roman currency.

/The kodrantes was the smallest unit of currency in Rome. /Jesus spoke in Mark 12:42. /Jesus said, the two small copper coins, or two lepta, was one kodrantes. /Jesus said that the widow put in more than others /who put in a lot of money from their wealth.

/Jesus saw the widow's heart and sincerity. /Jesus said that others gave their gifts out of their wealth. /However, the widow gave all that she had to live on out of her poverty.

/God always looks at our heart and how we use the things we have. /When we give offerings, we must not give because we have to or while showing off. /We must give offerings voluntarily. /We must give offerings because we are thankful for God's grace.

/We must know that everything that we have belongs to God, and we must offer them to God. /We must give with all our hearts through inspiration from God.

/In verses 5-38, /Jesus spoke about the end of the age. /In verses 5-6, Jesus said that the temple will be destroyed. /The Jerusalem temple was adorned with beautiful stones. /It was a beautiful and grand temple.

/Jesus' disciples saw the beauty of the temple, /and they spoke in awe to Jesus. /This temple was constructed in 19 BC during the time of Herod. /Jesus was there 46 years later in AD 27, but the temple was not yet completed.

/Then the temple was completed in AD 63. /The temple was beautifully constructed for 82 years. /However, the temple was invaded by Titus, and was completely destroyed in AD 70.

/The temple symbolized the Jewish religion. /It was the Jews' source of pride. /Even Jesus' disciples were proud of the temple. /However, Jesus does not look at the outward appearance, /but the heart.

/If the heart of the church loses life, /it will begin to adorn itself on the outside. /Jesus knew that even though Jerusalem was beautifully adorned on the outside, /there was no life on the inside and everything was done hypocritically.

/Thus, the Lord saw that the temple would receive God's judgment, /and not even one stone would be left. /Jesus spoke to His disciples. /He said that everything they saw

would be thrown down.

/The outside was morally corrupted and there was no life on the inside. /Therefore, when the time came, it would be destroyed by God's judgment.

/In verses 7-11, /Jesus spoke about the signs of the end of age. /The disciples asked, when will Jerusalem be destroyed? /What signs will there be of the end of age and Jesus' return? /Then Jesus answered them. /He said, "Watch out that you are not deceived."

/Many people would come in the Last Days in the name of Jesus and deceive people. /Then many people will be deceived. /Therefore, Jesus warned us to be careful that we are not deceived in the Last Days.

/Today, new theologies and many cults attempt to entice us. /What must we do so that we are not deceived? /First, we must throw away our greed. /Second, we must follow God's word. /Third, we must use the conscience of faith.

/In verse 9, Jesus said that there would be wars and revolutions. /Jesus said that there will be frightening things all over the world. /However, that will not be the end, /but signs that the end is near. /In verse 10, Jesus said that nation will rise against nation.

/Then there will be wars and revolutions. /Kingdoms will rise against kingdoms. /Small quarrels will become wars between nations. /The increase of worldly wars will be a sign of the end of age.

/There will be earthquakes. /Earthquakes refer to riots. /There will also be natural earthquakes in many places around the world. /There will also be famines in the Last Days. /First, there will be a spiritual famine.

/Second, there will be a famine of natural resources. /There will also be pestilences. /This means that there will be various kinds of infectious diseases. /There will be fearful events. /There will be great signs from heaven.

/Heaven is a spiritual place. /This means that the truth will grow dark. /This means that the church and many believers will become corrupted.

/In verses 12-19, Jesus spoke about the tribulations of the Last Days. /During the great tribulation, /people will drag believers and set them before kings and governors. /Then they will imprison believers and kill them.

/However, the faith of believers will be displayed before all the people /through their persecution. /Jesus said that believers must not worry about what they will say /when they are persecuted. /When we begin to worry, we will think of humanly ways and methods.

/Therefore, Jesus told us not to be afraid, but trust in God. /When we use our conscience

of faith and act according to the Bible, /the Holy Spirit will give us wisdom and clarity. / He will give us wisdom to speak, /give us strength, /and the ability to speak well.

/When people persecute Christians, /they specially target believers' families. /When believers do not listen to them, they will persecute them even more. /It says that people will take believers and take them before governors.

/During the tribulations, all believers will be hated by others. /This is because people follow the crowd. /They go forward with mob psychology. /However, God will protect us in the midst of great tribulations and persecutions.

/God will protect even the hair on our heads with his might. /That is why believers must not be afraid /but keep their faith with perseverance until the end. /In verse 19, Jesus said to gain life. /This is spiritual life. /Believers' spirits must grow.

/Believers must endure and keep their faith. /Then our spirits can grow. /Jesus spoke about Jerusalem's destruction in verses 20-24. /Jerusalem would be surrounded by armies. /Historically, this means that the Roman army would invade Jerusalem in AD 70.

/Prophetically, this means that Christianity will be surrounded by the powers of anti-christianity and Gentile nations. /When this happens, we must know that destruction is near. /In the Last Days, there will be more corrupted churches than true churches. /Corrupted churches will persecute and slander true churches.

/In verse 21, Jesus told those in Judea to flee to the mountains. /Those in Judea refer to believers of Jesus. /The mountain is the spiritual Mount Zion. /It is the place where God is. /Jesus said, "let those in the city get out."

/This means that believers must not remain in places of sin. /They must leave Sodom and Gomorrah and run away to Mount Zion. /The people in the country are those who are in secluded places. /These people must not enter the city, but continue their walk of faith.

/In verse 22, it says the time of punishment. /This is the day of God's judgment. /In verse 23, it says, "How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!" /The "pregnant women" symbolize people who are pregnant with greed.

/The "nursing mothers" are those who do work of faith, but have necessary elements taken away from them. /When our hearts, time, and energy is taken away from us, we cannot do works of faith well. /Those who have these things taken away from them are like those who feed off breast milk.

/It says that there will be wrath on these people. /In verse 24, it says that believers will be trampled on by Gentiles in the times of tribulations. /They will be killed by the sword /and be taken as prisoners. /However, Jesus said this will happen "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

/This means that Christians will not be persecuted forever. /There is a time that God predestined. /When that time comes, God will lift us up.

/In verses 25-28, /Jesus spoke about His return. /Jesus spoke about the sun, the moon, and the stars. /The sun symbolizes the truth. /The moon symbolizes the church. /Just as the moon reflects the sun's light, /the church will reflect the light of the truth to the world.

/The stars symbolize the wise. /It refers to the believers. /In the Last Days, the truth will be covered. /The church will be ruined. /Many believers will become corrupted. /These are the signs of the sun, the moon, and the stars. /This is the sign of corruption.

/Jesus also said there will be "roaring and tossing of the sea." /The "sea" symbolizes the world. /The world will become confused and toss like the waves of the sea. /There will be terrifying sounds. /The sea will roar and toss. /This means that believers will weep.

/In the time of the great tribulation, /the sufferings of the world will be great. /Then it will be difficult for believers to overcome sufferings. /However, God will send Michael the archangel and armies of angels to protect believers. /"Heavenly bodies" symbolize angels. /All these things will happen so that the angels would protect believers.

/In verses 27-28, it says that Jesus will come on a cloud with power and great glory at the time of the great tribulation. /When these signs of the end of age appear, /we must know the Jesus' return is near. /In verse 28, Jesus said, "stand up and lift up your heads."

/"Lift up your heads" means that the spirit must be awake. /We must not fall to complacency. /We must be awake and be ready with prayer. /It means to wait and look upon Jesus' return.

/In verses 29-38, /Jesus spoke about the signs of the end of the age and how believers must prepare. /The fig tree symbolizes Judea. /"All the trees" symbolize all the nations of the world. /When the fig tree sprouts, /we will know that summer is near.

/When these signs appear, /we must know that the Lord's return is near. /The twigs will get tender and its leaves will come out, /which means that the nation of Israel will be restored. /The Israelites will return to their homes.

/The twigs of fig trees will grow tender and its leaves will come out. /It is important that our spiritual eyes are opened. /It is important that we correctly understand the signs of the Last Days. /Today, the sign of the fig tree has been fulfilled.

/The signs of all nations in the world are almost fulfilled. /We, believers of Jesus, must know that the kingdom of God and Jesus' return are near. /Hence, we must be awake and get through the great tribulation.

/We must be well prepared to receive Jesus at His return. /It says that all the words of this prophecy will take place before the world comes to an end. /Jesus said that heaven and



earth will pass away, but His words will never pass away. /Jesus said to be careful.

/Believers must be careful not to fall away from God's grace. /Dissipation, drunkenness, and anxieties of life /make the heart full. /Therefore, we will not be able to diligently do works of faith. /We must not live in debauchery, drunkenness or anxiety.

/In verse 34, "that day" is the day of tribulations. /When the world comes to an end, the great tribulation will come upon everyone on earth. /We must always be awake so that we could receive the Lord with joy. /Then where is our refuge? /Our refuge is the arms of God. /It is the arms of Christ.

/There were many people who tried to kill Jesus. /In verse 37, Jesus taught at the temple every day. /At night He went to rest on the Mount of Olives. /Jesus did not rest in the world.

/Jesus prayed more as the time of the cross came nearer. /The Lord prepared well to victoriously overcome the cross.

/Here we will conclude the seventeenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.