

ANSWER SHEET SIX

A Study of the Gospel according to Luke Fall Session#6 Question of Authority/Resurrection Read Luke 20:1 – 47

1. The religionists were standing there listening to Jesus just like many others. Were they interested in discovering the truth about Jesus? If not, what was their interest?

They were only interested in tripping Him up and discrediting Him before the people. They wanted the people's loyalty to their own religious position. The truth mattered little.

2. The characters in the parable of the wicked farmers or vinedressers are easily identified. Even the religious leaders understood it. Who do the characters represent to you?

God is the owner of the vineyard.

Israel is the vineyard.

The **Religious leaders** are the vinedressers or farmers.

The **Servants** are the prophets and priests God sent to Israel.

Jesus is the Son, the Messiah.

The **Others** are the Gentiles.

This parable showed the religious leaders that Jesus knew about their plan to kill him.

3. (Read verses 17 – 18) The stone is a symbol of Jesus Christ. What does Jesus mean by saying, “the stone the builders rejected, has become the chief cornerstone”?

Christ is the Head or Chief Cornerstone, the Foundation Stone. He is the Foundation, the stone on which every person must build their life. There is no other Foundation on which mankind can build and be secure.

The destructive power of a stone against flesh and blood is well-known. A person who stumbles or falls over the stone, Jesus Christ, is hurt. A person on whom the huge stone, Jesus Christ, falls is ground to powder, utterly destroyed – permanently.

4. The religionists feared they were losing their control over the people (Hint: Question 1 above.) What was the method they choose to stop Jesus?

The method they choose was to pose trick questions to Him. If they could get Jesus to take some position against the people, the people would leave Him. He could then be arrested and destroyed.

5. In responding to the question about paying taxes, Jesus says that they owe to Caesar whatever carries Caesar's image, owe to God whatever carries God's stamp. What are the things in our lives that carry God's stamp that we owe to God?

We owe God our life – life that was created to live with God forever.

We owe God our world – a world that is ever so beautiful and needs to be looked after and cared for by mankind.

We owe God our spirit – a spirit that can be born again and live a self-denying life of love and peace for the sake of all mankind everywhere.

We owe God our mind and body – a mind and body that have the power to produce for the betterment of all mankind.

6. The religious leaders question Jesus about the resurrection in verses 27 – 38. Jesus explains how the two worlds (Earth and Heaven) differ. Explain the differences.
- a. How does marriage differ in the two worlds? In this world there is marriage, but in the other world there will be no marriage. The reason why is because in the other world, love is perfected. Future life and relationships will exceed earthly relationships, even the bond of marital relationships.
 - b. How does entrance into the two worlds differ? A person has nothing to do with their entrance into this world. They are conceived and born by an act of a man and a woman. In the next world, only those who are accounted worthy shall obtain that world. A person does not work or earn their way into the next world. A person is counted worthy. It is their faith in Jesus Christ that is counted as making them worthy. God takes a person's faith and counts it as "righteousness." Those who have not lived a life of faith in Christ, are not counted worthy.
 - c. How does death differ in the two worlds? In the next world there is no death. A faithful person is locked in, given an incorruptible body and existence, living forever with God.
 - d. How does a person's nature differ in the two worlds? Believers shall be "equal to the angels." Believers shall have a nature like the angels, be glorified, be their peers, living in the joy of working and serving God just as the angels do. But there is even more than what angels have. Believers are children of God, the adopted children of God.
 - e. How does life differ in the two worlds? It is a resurrected life, a real life, a life that is more real than the life of this world. It is a perfect life that lives for God perfectly.

7. Jesus asked a pointed question. “How could the Messiah be both David’s Lord and his Son?”
What is Jesus doing by asking this question?

Jesus was saying to think of the Messiah only in human terms is totally inadequate. It is not enough to think in terms of earthly power, of national, political, military, and institutional leadership. There is no way an ordinary man can bring perfect deliverance, leadership, and heaven to this earth. The Messiah is not only man; He is Lord from heaven.

Jesus was claiming to be the Son of God Himself. Man’s concept has to go beyond the ordinary human and physical. Man’s idea has to stretch up into God’s very own heart. God loves us and this earth. He sent His Son to earth, sacrificing Him in order to save us and the earth.