

**Rediscover Jesus, Part 73:**  
**“The Authority of Jesus”**  
**Luke 19:47-20:18**  
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**Submit to Jesus for he is the Son of God  
 who acts in the authority of God.**

**I. The religious leaders question Jesus’ authority (19:47-20:2)**

<sup>47</sup> And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup> One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up <sup>2</sup> and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.”

**II. Jesus answers with a question (20:3-8)**

<sup>3</sup> He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, <sup>4</sup> was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” <sup>5</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ <sup>6</sup> But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” <sup>7</sup> So they answered that they did not know where it came from. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**III. Jesus answers with a parable (20:9-18)**

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.<sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.<sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect

him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Matthew 28:18b-20: “All *authority* in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”