

The Authority of Jesus As God's Son

Luke 20:1-18

- 1) Jesus of Nazareth speaks *as God* (20:1-8)
- 2) The authority Christians have comes from Jesus, God in flesh
 - a) Speaking boldly without belittling
 - b) Loving unbelievers but rejecting their lies
 - c) Being respectful of detractors while being disrespected
 - d) Preaching the truth without compromising
 - i) Alert to corruption without being a legalist
 - ii) Zealous for true worship, not what feels good
 - iii) Seeking to be *respected*, not liked
 - iv) Being angry about the right things
- 3) Rejecting Jesus' authority is tantamount to eternal death (20:9-18)
 - a) God owns all things but entrusts it to man
 - b) Though patient, God's mercy has its limits
 - c) God will not be denied the worship due Him
 - d) What unbelievers stumble over will crush them, eternally