

Luke 20:1-8

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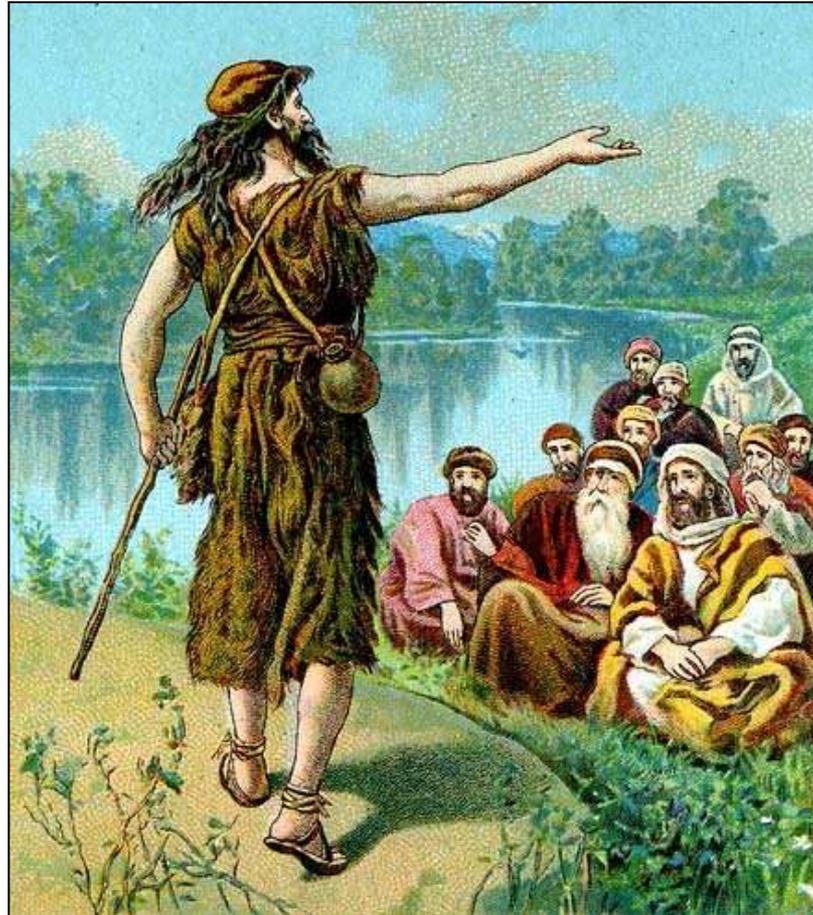
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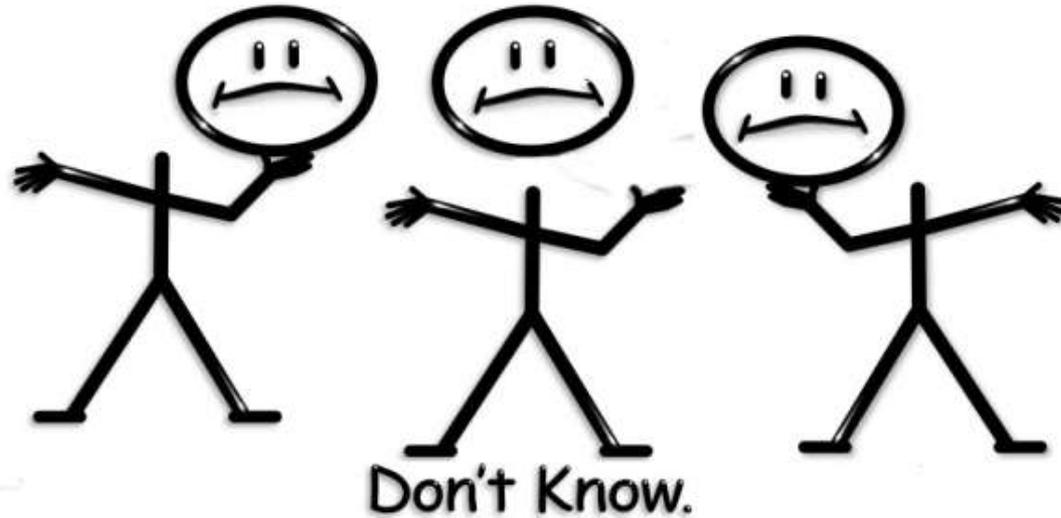


What did they think but were afraid to say ?

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Disqualified!



JESUS

and the parable of the
WICKED TENANTS

Luke 20:9-19



He went on to tell the people this parable:
"A man planted a vineyard,
rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.



At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard.



Love, Obedience, Justice, Faithfulness

When God plants you in his Kingdom he is looking for fruit

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

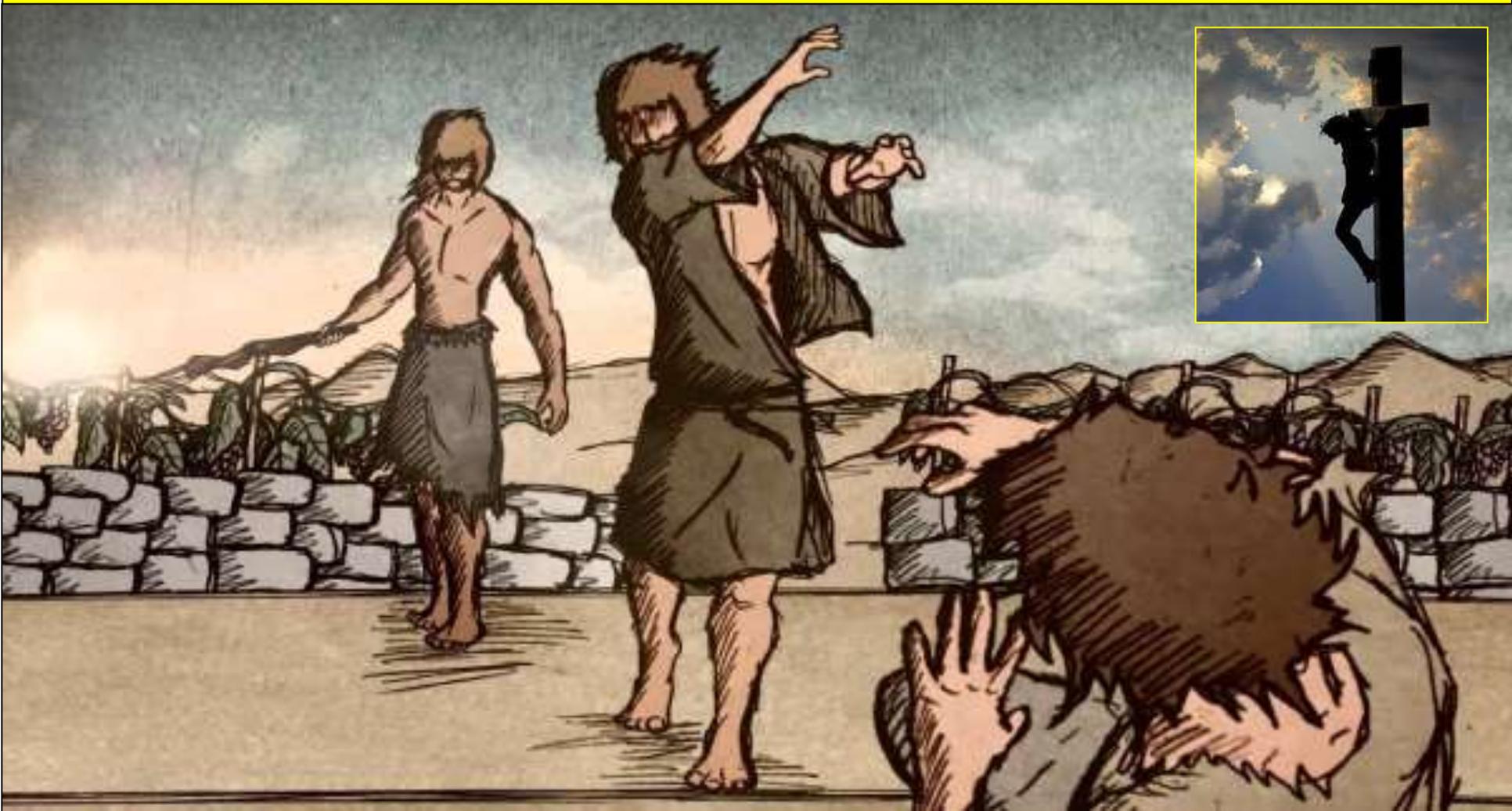
Colossians 1:9-10

But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.
He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated
shamefully and sent away empty-handed.
He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Amos
etc.



Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

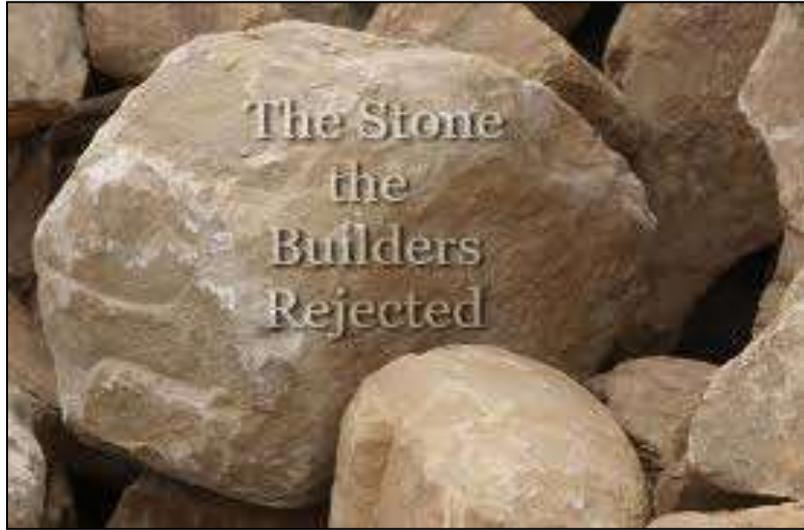


What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.
When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

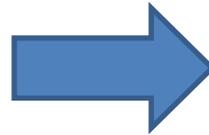


**No fruit No kingdom No land
Cf. Jeremiah's time Jer. 15:5-9**

Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

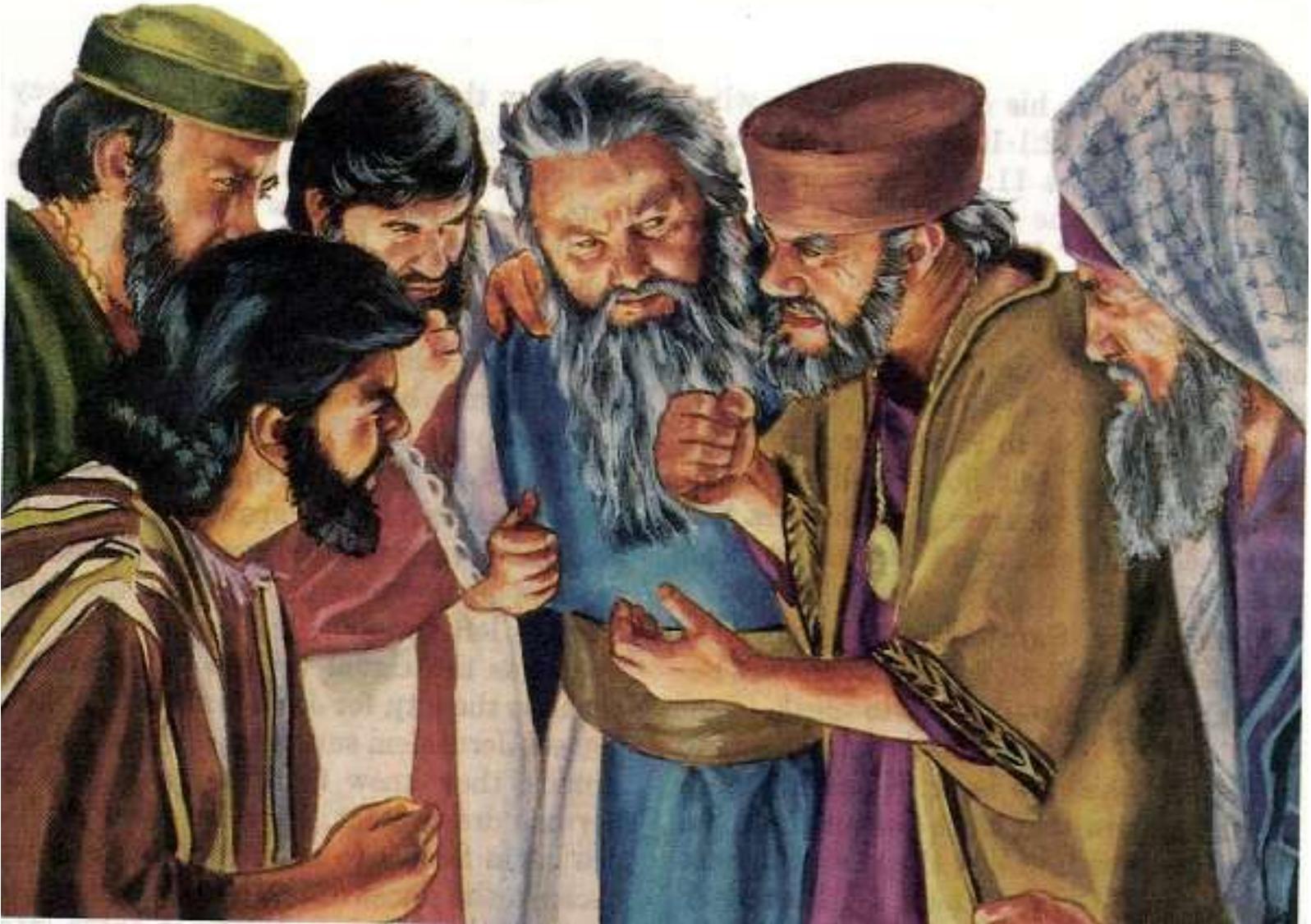


Psalm 118:22



Israel's fulfilment in the Messiah
Fatal consequences of rejecting Jesus

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.



Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.



So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth."



Watch out when people praise you !

The Holy Spirit will give you discernment if you trust him

Think about what you are going to say !

" Is it right for us to pay (give) taxes to Caesar or not?"



Trick Question

He saw through their duplicity



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We call it discernment !

He saw through their duplicity and said to them,
"Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"
"Caesar's," they replied.



Where did they get it from?

He said to them,
"Then **give back** to Caesar what is Caesar's,
and to God what is God's."



YOU
OWE
ME



They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public.
And astonished by his answer, they became silent.



Don't pick a fight with Jesus - you will lose!

Where does your authority come from ?

history, man's power etc. vs. God' Son and his word

Respect those in authority

remembering that God is the ultimate authority

Jesus, God's Son is THE Authority

At the name of Jesus