

BIBLE STUDY

LUKE

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Genesis 4

NARRATOR: Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain.

EVE: I have gotten a man-child with the help of the LORD.

NARRATOR: Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. Abel, on his part, also brought of the first of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offerings; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the LORD spoke to Cain.

LORD: Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it. Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

LORD: Where is Abel your brother?

CAIN: I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?

LORD: What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to

receive your brother's blood from your hand.

In light of the previous story, what is odd about the following two verses?

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Hebrews 12:24

...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Luke 19:47-20:1

⁴⁷ And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, ⁴⁸ and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to Him, listening.

THREE
CONFRONTATIONS
AND
PARABLES OF THE
END TIMES

Luke 21:37-38

³⁷ Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning *to come* to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

Luke 20:1-8 in Play Form

NARRATOR: On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted *Him*.

CHIEF PRIESTS, SCRIBES, ELDERS: Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"

JESUS: I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me: Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?

CHIEF PRIESTS (REASONING AMONG THEMSELVES): If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.

NARRATOR: So they answered that they did not know where *it came* from.

JESUS: Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Luke 20:9-19 PLAY

NARRATOR: And He told the people this parable.

JESUS: A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. At the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him *some* of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. The owner of the vineyard spoke to himself.

OWNER: What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.

JESUS: But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another.

VINEGROWERS: This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.

JESUS: 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 destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others. When they heard it, they spoke.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS: May it never be!

JESUS: What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*'?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.

NARRATOR: The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

Question: Underline each of the characters in the parable. Who do they each represent?

What do all these texts have in common?

Luke 19:38-40

³⁸ shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

Luke 19:43-44

⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another stone, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.

Luke 20:1-8

The scribes with the elders confronted *Jesus*, saying, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?" ³ Jesus said to them, "I will

also ask you a question, and you tell Me: ⁴ Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" ⁵ They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'" ⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

Luke 20:17-18

¹⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

Luke 21:5-6

⁵ And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, ⁶ "As *for* these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

Luke 22:41

⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray,

Luke 24:1-2

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices, which they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb...

ACTS 4:8-11

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.