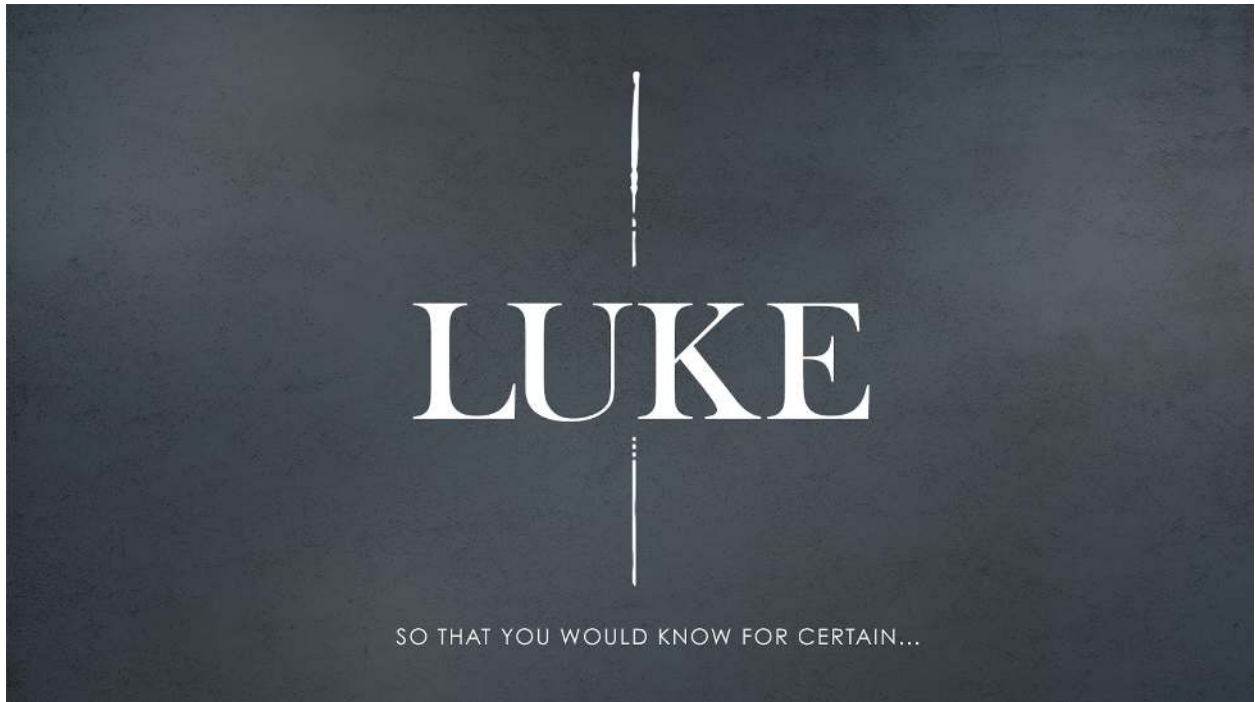


Application Questions

The Authority of Jesus

Luke 20:1-26



As Jesus enters his final week on this earth before the cross, the religious leaders call his authority into question. Jesus answers with the undeniable fact that all authority is his.

Read LUKE 20:1-26

- 1) It's obvious in this passage that Jesus is intent on speaking the gospel even days before the cross. He could have easily said "I only have a few days left", or "I've already told them this- if they don't have it, they never will". Instead- he was sharing the gospel all the way to the end. What are the excuses that we typically employ NOT to share the gospel?
 - 2) Jesus demonstrates his authority over all things by his answers to the religious elite. Over and over again, Luke writes in a way to remind us that there is nothing that is not under the authority of Jesus. What are the ways that you fight this in your own life? What are the ways and places that you want the ultimate authority in your life?
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- 3) Jesus gives even the hardest hearts additional opportunities to listen and submit. He still hasn't given up on them. Who are the people in your life that you're prone to "give up" on with the gospel? What's your strategy to continue to speak to them about Christ?
 - 4) In what ways do you find yourself in opposition to God? What are the tendencies you have to go against his will in your life?
 - 5) What's the place that you simply need to trust that God is more knowing and powerful than you in life right now? Where do you need to trust him?