

Shape of Luke's narration of Jesus' Jerusalem ministry (Luke 20-21)

PASSAGE	AUDIENCE/ INTERLOCUTORS	THEME	JESUS' "ANSWER"
20.1-8	Chief priests, scribes, elders (= Sanhedrin)	Source of Jesus' authority	What about John the baptist's authority?
20.9-19	People/Scribes and chief priests	Vineyard tenants and "beloved son"	The tenants will be destroyed and the vineyard will be given to others
20.20-26	Spies sent by the scribes and chief priests	Paying taxes to Caesar	Give to the emperor what is his; give to God what is God's
20.27-38	Sadducees	Marriage in the resurrection	God is God of the living, not the dead
20.39-44	Scribes	How can the Messiah be David's son?	David calls him "Lord" (in Psalm 110.1)
20.45-21.4	People/disciples	Beware of the scribes	They gain public piety at the expense of the poor and marginalized
21.5-28	Disciples	The future of the Temple and Jerusalem	All is coming down, so run! The Human One will come in power and glory
21.29-36	Disciples	Parable of the trees	It is near!
21.37-38	People	Closing summary	