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***THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN INSIGNIFICANT STONE***

Luke 20:1-19

I. A walk through the Text (Luke 20:1-19)

- A. Religious leaders question Jesus' authority (1-8)
- B. Jesus tells a parable. (9-16)
- C. Jesus applies the parable (17-18)
- D. Religious leaders intensify their opposition. (19)

**The Big Idea:** *Understanding the refusal process of the gospel helps us to know how we should properly receive the gospel.*

II. **The Gospel Refused:**

- A. Denial of God's authority
- B. Leads to rejection of God's Word
- C. Results in opposition to God.

III. **The Gospel Received:**

- A. Confirmation of God's authority
- B. Leads to acceptance of God's Word
- C. Results in relationship with God.

IV. The Application:

- A. I submit to God's authority – Yes No
- B. I accept God's Word – Yes No
- C. My relationship with God is great! – Yes No

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The Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:1-2a

PASTOR: We gather together this morning seeking God's help as we deal with our own spiritual poverty, our emotional brokenheartedness, our captivity to destructive habits, and are thankful today that God has the power to set us free. Today, O Lord! we seek your favor!

ALL: **... may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"** (Ps 70:4)

PASTOR: We worship our loving Savior who said:  
<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor (Is. 61:1-2a)

ALL: **Let God be exalted!**

\*Hymn No. 268      *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

God, our Father, we adore Thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy name!

Chosen in the Christ before Thee, We are "holy without blame."  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!  
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Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the Throne on high!  
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou has brought Thy people nigh!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Son of God who came to die!  
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Holy Spirit, we adore Thee! Paraclete and heavenly guest!  
Sent from God and from the Savior, Thou hast led us into rest.  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Three in One! We give Thee praise!  
For the riches we inherit, Heart and voice to Thee we raise!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee! Thee we bless, through endless days!  
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\*Invocation

Scripture Reading      Luke 20:1-19

One day as he was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders, came up to him. <sup>2</sup> "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?"

<sup>3</sup> He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me, <sup>4</sup> John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?"

<sup>5</sup> They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Why didn't you believe him?'" <sup>6</sup> But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, because they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

<sup>7</sup> So they answered, "We don't know where it was from."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed.

<sup>12</sup> He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

<sup>13</sup> "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

<sup>14</sup> "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.’<sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?<sup>16</sup> He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!”

<sup>17</sup> 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 capstone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup> 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.

The Anthem

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### ***THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN INSIGNIFICANT STONE***

***Luke 20:1-19***

A Walk Through the Text

\*Hymn No. 405 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

My faith has found a resting place—not in device nor creed;  
I trust the ever living One—His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves—this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul I come to Him—He’ll never cast me out.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;*

*it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

My heart is leaning on the Word—the written Word of God;  
salvation by my Savior’s name—salvation thru His blood.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

My great Physician heals the sick; the lost He came to save;  
for me His precious blood He shed; for me His life He gave.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

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The Bid Idea

Gospel Refused ... Gospel Received

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 410 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vs. 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

Sermon Concluded

The Application

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 404 *The Solid Rock Refrain*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand —  
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

\*The Postlude