

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

**MORNING MESSAGE**

"It's a Matter of Perception"

Luke 20:19-26

- I. WHAT THE JEWS PERCEIVED (vv.19-21)
  - A. Their perception (v.19b)
    1. They perceived they were the "husbandmen" in the parable
      - a. Luke 20:9, "A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time"
      - b. Luke 20:10, "the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty"
      - c. 20:14, "But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him"
      - d. Luke 20:16, "He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others"
  - B. Their plan (vv.19a, 20-21)
    1. They planned to take Jesus (v.19a)
    2. They planned to trap Jesus (v.20)
    3. They planned to trick Jesus (v.21)
- II. WHAT JESUS PERCEIVED (vv.22-25)
  - A. What Jesus asked (v.22)
    1. The question was about paying tribute (taxes)
    2. The question was "is it lawful?"
    3. The question was to put Jesus in an inescapable dilemma
  - B. What Jesus answered (vv.23-25)
    1. He perceived their craftiness or trickery (v.23)
    2. He asked to see a penny (v.24)
    3. He uttered a profound statement (v.25)
      - a. The right of government, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's"
      - b. The right of God, "and unto God the things which be God's"

CONCLUSION

- A. The story concludes with one astonishing verse
  1. The Jews were unsuccessful
  2. The Jews were unchanged