

**Four Controversies – Luke 20:20-47**  
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Introduction

- Which of Jesus' characteristics do we especially see in this passage?
- What has happened so far in Luke 20?

Controversy One

- Why is the spies' question in **v20-22** a clever one?
- How does Jesus get the spies to acknowledge that the Romans have authority over them in **v23-24**?
- What does Jesus' answer in **v25** mean?
- How do the spies respond in **v26**?
- What is the responsibility of Christians today to the state?
- Which other verses show that Christians must give themselves wholly to the Lord?
- Are you fully given over to him?

Controversy Two

- Who were the Sadducees (**v27**)?
- What is their question about in **v28-33**?
- What are they trying to do with the idea of the afterlife?
- What is the first thing we can learn about the resurrection from the dead in **v34-36**?
- Which passage does Jesus use to prove his point in **v37-38**?
- What is ominous in **v35**?
- How can someone become worthy of being part of the resurrection?
- What is the first thing we can learn about the resurrection from the dead in **v34-36**?
- In what ways will life in the age to come be radically different from life in the here and now?

- Which other passages teach how much greater life then will be?
- What difference should this make to us now?
- How would you complete the following statement: “What I long for most is...”?  
What does your answer say about where your affections lie?
- What responses does Jesus receive in **v39-40**?

### Controversy Three

- What is Jesus getting at in **v41-44**?
- What did many of the Jews of Jesus’ day think the Messiah was going to do?
- How can David’s son also be David’s Lord, then?
- How should we respond to him?

### Controversy Four

- What were the teachers of the law like on the outside according to our Lord in **v45-47**?
- But what were they like on the inside?
- In one word, what were the teachers of the law?
- Are you the same on the inside as you are on the outside?