

**I. Read Luke 20:9-18**

- A. In verses 9-16, Jesus uses a parable to depict the response of the nation of Israel to the prophetic revelation pointing to the fulfillment of the Covenant of Grace. In particular, He points to their treatment of the prophets who preceded Him and the manner by which the leaders of Israel will soon seek to get rid of Jesus Himself. Read Hebrews 11:35-38 and describe how many of the prophets were treated.

How did John the Baptist die?

How did Jesus die?

- B. What was it about each prophet's message that the people of Israel disliked? (See John 3:16-21.)
- C. Did everyone in Israel hate the message of the prophets? (Read Romans 9:27; 11:5.)
- D. What does a person's response to the message of Christ's gospel reveal? (John 3:18)
- E. In verses 15-18, Jesus is presented as *the chief cornerstone*. According to verse 18, what will happen to those who reject the *cornerstone*?

Read John 10:7-10; John 14:6-7 and discuss the point Jesus was making.

- F. How is the message of only *one way of salvation* or an *exclusive gospel* received by most folks in our day?
- G. Would it be correct to say that Christianity is *exclusive* in how it allows folks to enter in? (strictly from the human perspective)
- H. What are some of the more difficult (even alarming) conclusions one must draw from the fact that Jesus claimed to be *the way, the truth, and the life* and that no one could get to the Father except through Him?