

The Results of Rejecting Christ

Mark 11:27-12:12

- I. A Confrontation about Authority: The religious leaders question Jesus' authority (Mark 11:27-33).
 - A. Chief Priests confront Jesus for cleansing the temple – Whose authority do you have? (27-28).
 - B. Jesus asks whose authority John had – Man's or God's (29-32).
 - o The priests knew John had God's authority, but they had rejected John.
 - C. The priests were forced to say they didn't know and thus Jesus said He wouldn't state His authority (33).
 - o The priests feared those who revered John as a prophet.

- II. A Parable about Love and Rejection: Jesus Reveals His authority (Mark 12:1-12).
 - A. God lovingly established Israel as His people like a vineyard and entrusted priests to grow them spiritually (12:1).
 - B. God sent Israel prophets to gather fruit of righteousness, but Israel rejected and killed them (12:2-5; Hebrews 11:35-37).
 - C. So God eventually sent His Son Jesus whom they also would kill (12:6-8; Hebrews 1:1-2; Mark 14:43).
 - D. God will judge those who reject His Son and give salvation to others(12:9-11; Psalm 118:22-23; Acts 4:10-12; 1 Peter 2:6-8)
 - E. The Pharisees were angry because they knew Jesus was talking about them (12:12).

The Good News about Jesus – who many reject

- I. God sent us His most precious gift – His Son (John 3:16).
- II. Jesus was rejected and crucified, but His death pays for our sin (Romans 4:25-5:1).
- III. God must judge those who reject Christ and but will eternally save those who believe in Him (John 1:11,12; 3:16-18, 36).