

The condemnation and character of rejecting Jesus' Authority



Luke 20:1-26

**The Bible describes man's fight to not submit to the authority of Jesus Christ in
different imagery**

Enemy of God

Stiff necked

Hard hearted

Theme: Apart from bowing the knee to the authority Jesus Christ, everyone
will face the same terrifying judgment

I. Rejection of Jesus' Authority (1-8)

Jesus' Authority Confronted (1-2)

- Wednesday of the passion week
- Jesus' teaching focus= The Gospel (summation of all His teaching on it)

There are two greek words for authority of Jesus

- 1)Refers to power or ability
- 2)Right our privilege

Jesus' Authority Answered (3-8)

- The people affirmed John's ministry as being from God
- John's ministry affirmed Jesus

“After 3 years of teaching and performing miracles, Jesus had given them sufficient proof that He was the Messiah. No more information would be forthcoming. There was no point in continuing to cast pearls before swine. The Jewish leaders had willfully rejected all the light they had seen; there was no reason to give them more. This was a pronouncement of judgment on the leadership of Israel” (MacArthur)

I. A murderous parable against Christ's authority (9-19)

The Vineyard owner is God: Generous, gracious, patient, protective

The Vineyard is Israel: Taken out of Egypt, planted in the promise land, nurtured to become great, God's choice vine (Psalm 80:8-16, Is 5:7, Jer 2:21)

The vine growers are Israel's religious leaders: turning the blessings of God into self-serving purposes, unthankful, blind to His demands of His law, missing the goodness of God, killing the prophets (Luke 13:34)

The long journey is God's history of Israel: from the OT to the time of Christ

The slaves sent to the vinedressers are the OT prophets: Sent of God to the people, telling the truth of God, calling His people to account, beaten, stoned, and killed by the people

The land owner's son is Jesus Christ: beloved of the Father, heir, sent to the people of Israel, would be beaten and put outside of Israel when He was handed over to the Romans to be crucified

Condemnation now-"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces"

Judgement to come- "but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

I. The Character of those who reject Jesus' authority (20-26)

Deceptive

- The people anticipated their Messiah to be one who would liberate them
- Set them free from the oppression of Rome and set them up as a world power
- This anticipation had grown to all time heights with Jesus entering into Jerusalem in His triumphal entry

How then could Jesus be both the Messiah and be submissive to Rome?

Jesus statement: Submit to the government that God has sovereignly placed you under

1 Peter 3:17 (NASB95) — 17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

IN CONCLUSION

Do not delay in bowing to Christ' authority

Submit to Christ as Lord and Savior or be crushed by Him in judgment.

John 3:36 (NASB95) — 36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Honor the government and all those in authority over you