

The Chief Corner Stone

Mark 11:27 - 12:12



Gospel of Mark Outline

Coming of the Servant

Mark 1

Ministry of the Servant

Mark 1-13

Ministry in Galilee

Mark 1-9

Journey to Jerusalem

Mark 10

Ministry in Jerusalem

Mark 11-13

Self-Sacrifice of the Servant

Mark 14-15

Resurrection of the Servant

Mark 16

Triumphal Entry

3 Years

7 Days



Matt

20 chapters

8 chapters

Mark

10 chapters

6 chapters

Luke

18+ chapters

5+ chapters

John

11+ chapters

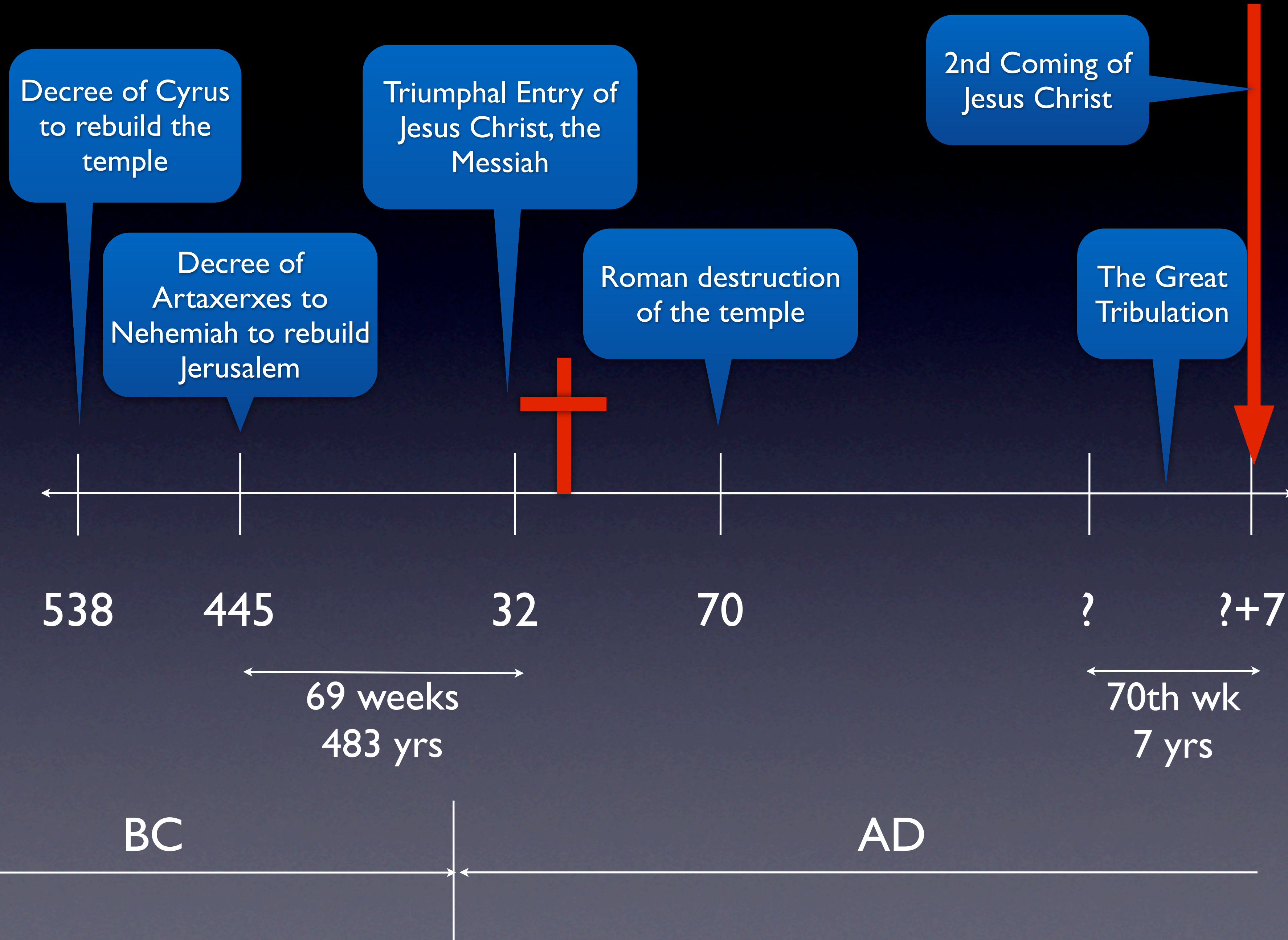
9+ chapters



John Walvoord

“Sir Robert Anderson has made a detailed study of a possible chronology for this period beginning with the well-established date of 445 B.C. when” Artaxerxes decree to Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem) “was issued and culminating in A.D. 32 on the very day of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem shortly before His crucifixion. Sir Robert Anderson specifies that the seventy sevens began on the first Nisan, March 14, 445 B.C. and ended on April 6, A.D. 32, the tenth Nisan. The complicated computation is based upon prophetic years of 360 days totaling 173,880 days. This would be exactly 483 years according to biblical chronology.”

Daniel's 70 Weeks



Passion Week Chronology

SUNDAY - Triumphal Entry

MONDAY - Jesus cursed the fig tree and cleansed the temple

TUESDAY - Jesus teaching the disciples, confronting His enemies

WEDNESDAY - Nothing reported, action behind the scenes

THURSDAY - Passover preparation, Gethsemane, Peter's denials

FRIDAY - Trials of Jesus, His crucifixion and burial

SATURDAY - Securing the tomb

SUNDAY - Resurrection of Jesus from the dead

Theme Statement

The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the Corner Stone upon which the church is built having all authority over all things and all people and to whom His people are to be found faithful.

Question of Authority

Mark 11:27-33

1. The Setting: On SUNDAY, Jesus had made a Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and on MONDAY, Jesus had physically cleansed the temple - Mark 11:1-26
2. The participants: Jesus vs chief priests, scribes and elders - v. 27
3. The conversation: the subject is Authority - v. 28-33

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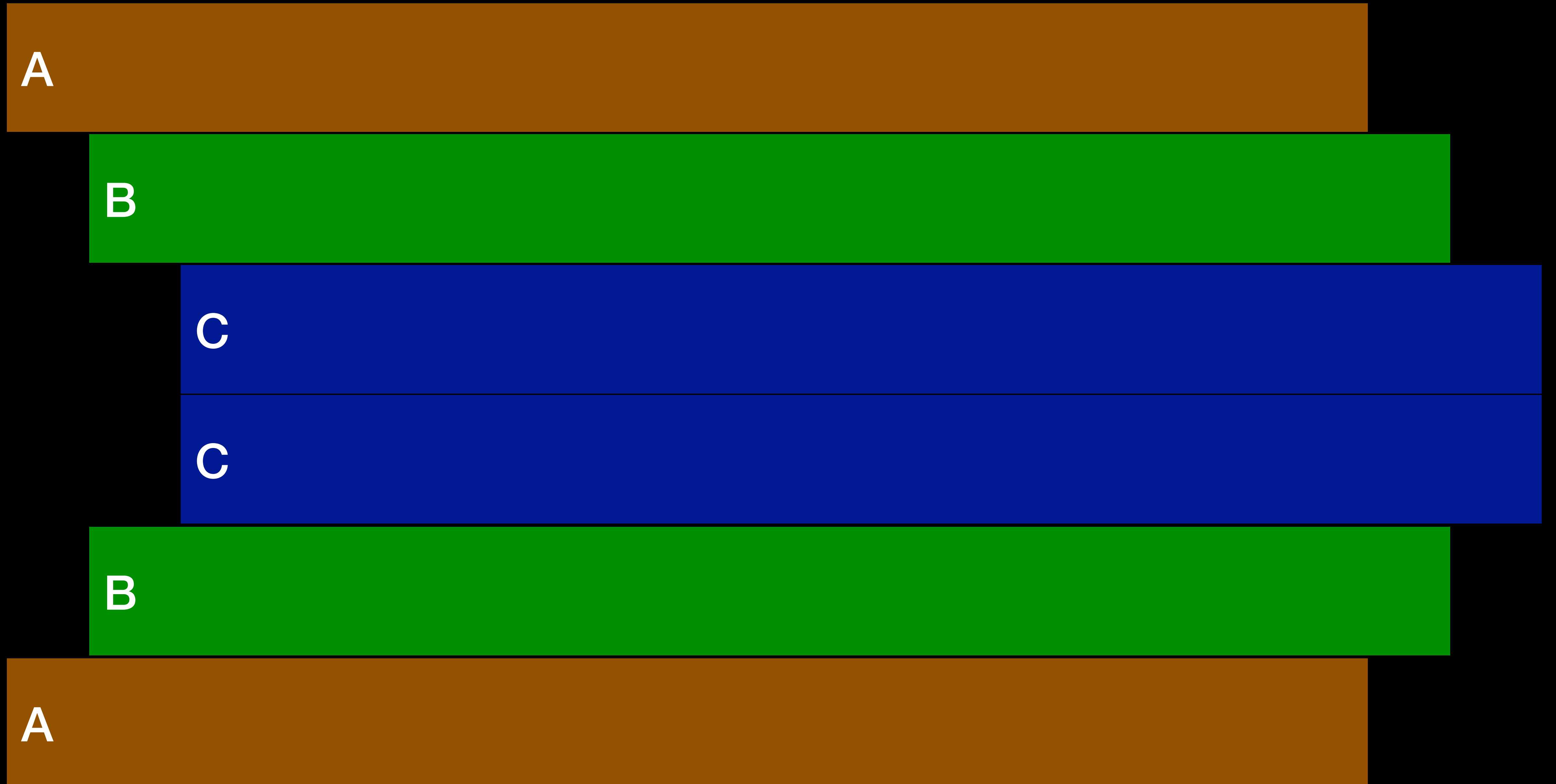
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Mark 11:28-33

A Question #1

B Question #2

C 1st Scenario Reasoning

C 2nd Scenario Reasoning

B Answer #2

A Answer #1

Mark 11:28-33

A By what authority are you doing these things?
Who gave you authority to be doing these things?

B Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?

C If we say, “from heaven.”
Then He will say, “Then why did you not believe him?”

C If we say, “from men.”
Then they feared repurcussions from the people

B We do not know.

A Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Jesus has authority over all things and all people

John 2:18–19 - The Jews then said to Him, “What sign do You show us as your **authority** for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 17:1–2 - Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him **authority** over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

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John 19:10–11 - So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have **authority** to release You, and I have **authority** to crucify You?” Jesus answered, “You would have no **authority** over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

Matthew 28:18 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go into all the world and make disciples

THE PICTURE

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Mark 12:1-12

1. A man planted a well-defined, operational and secure vineyard - v. 1a
2. The man rented out the vineyard to a group of vine-growers and then went on a journey for a long time (Luke 20:9b) - v. 1b
3. At harvest time, the man sent a sequence of slaves to the vine-growers to receive some of the produce of the vineyard - some were beaten, some were killed and some were stoned - v. 2-5
4. Finally the man sent his beloved son expecting that the vine-growers would respect him but they killed him also and threw him out of the vineyard to claim full control for themselves - v. 6-8

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4. Finally the man sent his beloved son expecting that the vine-growers would respect him but they killed him also and threw him out of the vineyard to claim full control for themselves - v. 6-8
5. What will the vineyard owner do? He will destroy the vine-growers and replace them with others - v. 9

Matthew 21:41 - They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons."

Luke 20:16b - When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!"

THE REALITY

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Mark 12:1-12

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2. The vineyard represents Israel
3. The vine-growers represent the Jewish leaders
4. The slaves represent the Old Testament prophets

Ps. 80:8–9 - You removed a **vine** from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land.

Isaiah 5:7A - For the **vineyard** of the Lord of hosts is the **house of Israel** and the men of Judah His delightful plant.



John MacArthur

“The second-century Christian apologist Justin Martyr reports that Isaiah was sawn in half with a wooden saw.. Jeremiah was constantly mistreated, falsely accused of treason, thrown into a pit, and, according to tradition, stoned to death by the Jews. Ezekiel faced similar hatred and hostility; Amos was forced to flee for his life; Zechariah was rejected, and Micaiah was struck in the face. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament rebuked Israel for rejecting and persecuting the prophets.”

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5. The vineyard owner's destruction of the vine-growers represents God's judgment on Israel
6. The others of v. 9b represent the church international composed of both Jews and Gentiles



John MacArthur

“Matthew adds to the account a final word from the Lord: “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust” (Matt. 21:43–44). This was a terrible reiteration of crushing judgment. It was also a prophecy of the church, God’s new people composed of Jews and Gentiles born at Pentecost. Did not the psalmist have this in mind when he wrote, “This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”?

THE REACTION

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Mark 12:1-12

Mark 12:12 - And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away.

Luke 20:19 - The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

Application

1. The Lord Jesus Christ has been given all authority both in heaven and on earth as well as within both time and eternity - as such, every person will either go before Him to be judged and condemned or before Him as Savior and eternal King - Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:21

Matthew 28:18 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All **authority** has been given to Me **in heaven and on earth**.”

Ephesians 1:21 (Christ is) **far above all rule and authority** and power and dominion, and every name that is named, **not only in this age but also in the one to come**.

Application

2. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are “fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’ household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22). This is a call for all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to be faithful and obedient and to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which we have been called - Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:1, 14-16

Application

Ephesians 4:14–16 - As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.