

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? Jesus The Cornerstone

Mark 11:27-12:12

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I. We all rebel against God's authority (11:27-33).

A. The religious leaders resisted Christ's authority (vv. 27-28).

> Christ's authority (Mk. 1:21-22, 27; 2:6-11; 3:15; 6:7) (Matt. 28:18)

> The Father gave the Son authority to execute judgment (Jn. 5:26-29)

B. They refused divine evidence (vv. 29-32)

C. They feared man, not God (vv. 32-33)

Jeremiah 5:20–23 Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah: 21 "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. 22 Do you not fear me? declares the LORD. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. 23 But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away.

II. Jesus gave his life for rebels like us (12:1-12).

A. God's abundant grace (v. 1)

Isaiah 5:1–3 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

B. God's obstinate patience (vv. 2-5)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

C. God's sacrificial love (v. 6)

D. Man's foolish rebellion (vv. 7-8)

E. God's just wrath (v. 9)

F. God's righteous vindication (vv. 10-12)

- **What is a cornerstone?**

- **Who is the cornerstone?**

- > The nation of Israel.

- > The Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:1-12) (1 Peter 2:4-8)

- **What is your relationship to Jesus, the cornerstone?**

- > Believe in Him (1 Pet. 2:4-7a)

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe,

- > Not believe in Him (2:7b-8)

7b but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.