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ONE FINAL OPPORTUNITY
The Peril of Rejecting Your Only Hope
(Matthew 21:23-46)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT: JESUS' FINAL \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_.

Table with 2 columns: Event and Day. Rows include: Arrived in Bethany (Saturday), Crowds at Bethany (Sunday), Triumphal Entry (Monday), Cursing the Fig Tree and Cleansing the Temple (Tuesday), Teaching in the Temple and on the Mount of Olives (Wednesday), Passover Preparation and Meal, Betrayal, Arrest & Trials (Thursday), Tried, Crucified and Buried (Friday), Resurrection (Sunday).

THE LIMITED CONTEXT: JESUS' FINAL \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple (21:23-23:39)

"When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching,..."

—Matthew 21:23

A. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish Leaders (21:23-22:46)

B. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish Leaders (23:1-39)

2. His \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple (24:1-25:46)

"Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him."

—Matthew 24:1

1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS RECEIVED: (21:23)

"...the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?'"

2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS OFFERED: (21:24)

"Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.'"

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JESUS DIRECTED: (21:25-46)

• JESUS POSES \_\_\_\_\_ QUESTIONS OF HIS OWN.

1B. *Jesus First Question* – A \_\_\_\_\_ . (21:25-27).

“The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?”

2B. *Jesus Second Question* – A \_\_\_\_\_ . (21:28-32).

“**But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’ And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he regretted it and went. The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I will, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?**”

3B. *Jesus’ Third Question* – A \_\_\_\_\_ . (21:33-41).

“...when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?”

4B. *Jesus’ Fourth Question* – A \_\_\_\_\_ . (21:42).

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,...?”

‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone;  
THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,  
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?’

5B. *Jesus’ Conclusion* - A \_\_\_\_\_ . (21:43, 44).

“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.”

**CONCLUSION:**

“When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.”

—Matthew 21:45