

**Series:** Wrath of the King, a study in Matthew  
**Sermon:** Hostile  
**Primary Text:** Matthew 23:29-36; 21:23-46

**Discussion Guide:**

- What do you feel threatened by?
- Why do we say “Don’t kill the messenger.”?
- Read Matthew 23:29-36.
  - Why, throughout history, had the prophets of God been so brutally attacked by God’s chosen people?
  - V.32 - what does Jesus mean by this?
  - V.33 - why is Jesus so harsh here?
  - V.37-38 - what is Jesus saying?
    - How does this relate to today?
  - V. 39 - what does this mean?
- Read Matthew 21:23-27
  - What is Jesus getting at here?
  - Why doesn’t He tell them He comes in God’s authority?
  - How does this threaten the Pharisees?
- Read Matthew 21:28-32
  - What is Jesus’ point here?
  - How does this threaten the Pharisees?
- Read Matthew 21:33-46
  - What is the “fruit” that the Pharisees are keeping from the servant?
  - How does this threaten the Pharisees?
- Do you feel threatened by Christ?
- In what ways do we “kill the messenger” today?