

Week 28 – Rejection Of The King

- 1) Some Are Power Hungry And Prideful
- 2) Some Are Worldly And Wannabes
- 3) Some Are Secularist And Materialistic
- 4) Some Are Deceived “Experts” And Cold-Hearted “Scholars”

Scripture: [Matthew 21:1-22](#)

Matthew 21:23-22:46 New King James Version

Jesus' Authority Questioned^(A)

²³ ^(B) Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and ^(C) said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”

²⁴ But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: ²⁵ The ^(D) baptism of ^(E) John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we ^(F) fear the multitude, ^(G) for all count John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.”

And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my ^(H) vineyard.’ ²⁹ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. ³⁰ Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of *his* father?”

They said to Him, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, ^(I) “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. ³² For ^(J) John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; ^(K) but

tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it*, you did not afterward ^[a]relent and believe him.

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers^(L)

³³ "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner ^(M)who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and ^(N)went into a far country. ³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ ^(O)And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Then last of all he sent his ^(P)son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ^(Q)'This is the heir. ^(R)Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ ^(S)So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*.

⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

⁴¹ ^(T)They said to Him, ^(U)"He will destroy those wicked men miserably, ^(V)and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will ^(b)render to him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

^(W)'The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This was the LORD's doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I say to you, ^(X)the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. ⁴⁴ And ^(Y)whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, ^(Z)it will grind him to powder."

⁴⁵ Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they ^(c)perceived that He was speaking of them. ⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they ^(AA)feared the multitudes, because ^(AB)they took Him for a prophet.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast^(AC)

²² And Jesus answered ^(AD)and spoke to them again by parables and said: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴ Again, he sent out other servants,

saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; ^(AE)my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.'" ' ⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* ^[d]spitefully, and killed *them*. ⁷ But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out ^(AF)his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not ^(AG)worthy. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and ^(AH)gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there ^(AI)who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was ^(AJ)speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, ^[e]take him away, and cast *him* ^(AK)into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ ^(AL)"For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?^(AM)

¹⁵ ^(AN)Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk. ¹⁶ And they sent to Him their disciples with the ^(AO)Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not ^[f]regard the person of men. ¹⁷ Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus ^[g]perceived their wickedness, and said, "*Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?* ¹⁹ *Show Me the tax money.*"

So they brought Him a denarius.

²⁰ And He said to them, "*Whose image and inscription is this?*"

²¹ They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, ^(AP)"Render ^[h]therefore to Caesar the things that are ^(AQ)Caesar's, and to God the things that are ^(AR)God's." ²² When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection?^(AS)

²³ ^(AT) The same day the Sadducees, ^(AU) who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, ²⁴ saying: "Teacher, ^(AV) Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁵ Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all the woman died also. ²⁸ Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "You are ^(I) mistaken, ^(AW) not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^(AX) are like angels ^(I) of God in heaven. ³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ³² ^(AY) 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." ³³ And when the multitudes heard *this*, ^(AZ) they were astonished at His teaching.

The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?^(BA)

³⁴ ^(BB) But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, ^(BC) a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

³⁷ Jesus said to him, ^(BD) "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second is like it: ^(BE) 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ ^(BF) On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?^(BG)

⁴¹ ^(BH) While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "The ^(BI) Son of David."

⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

⁴⁴ 'The ^(BJ) LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?"

⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶ ^(BK) And no one was able to answer Him a word, ^(BL) nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.