JESUS SPEAKS TO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

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Study of Mark / Mark 11:27-33; Mark 12:1-12

Introduction

I. The Jewish Religious Leaders Come to Jesus.(27)

Vs. 27: "Chief priests, scribes and elders" - these were representatives of the Sanhedrin.

II. Their Questions about His Authority. (28)

Vs. 28: "These things" - 1. Cleaning the Temple by casting out the money changers and other merchants. 2. Telling merchants that they could not use the Temple for a shortcut to other parts of the city for trade purposes. 3. Teaching new and unapproved doctrines.

- III. Jesus Answers Them with a Question. (29-30)
- IV. Their Discussion About the Best Response. (31-32)
- V. Their Answer & Jesus' Response. (33)

VI. The Parable of the Tenants. (12:1-9)

Vs. 7: They had been refusing to pay the landowner the portion of the crops they owed. By not paying him, they would eventually cause him to lose his legal right to the land. If they killed his son and got away with it, the land would legally go to them because they had lived on it long enough without paying the landowner.

VII. The Application of the Parable. (10-11)

VIII. The Response of the Jewish Religious Leaders to the Parable. (12)

In Closing:

- 1. How Do We Respond When Jesus Threatens Our Religious Practices?
- 2. How Do We Respond When Jesus Threatens Our Religious Profit?
- 3. How Do We Respond When Jesus Threatens Our Religious Power?

Our Only Response Should Be to Repent and Align Ourselves with the Word of God!