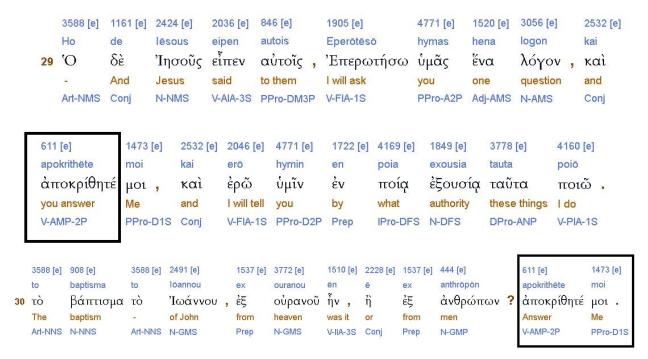
Mark 11:27-33; 12:1-37

Mark 11:27-33 - Chief Priests, Scribes, Elders (Sanhedrin) Challenge Jesus' Authority

- 1. The elites and the national leadership
- 2. Two questions:
 - a. Who gave you this authority?
 - b. What authority to you do these things:
 - i. Enter Jerusalem like royalty
 - ii. Turn tables over in temple
- 3. Messianic claims will be the focus of his trial
- 4. Romans (with Jews) bring execution for:
 - a. Insurrection
 - b. False prophets
- 5. John's ministry was linked to Jesus' ministry
 - a. If they accept John as a prophet, why do they reject the man John identified?
 - b. If they reject John, then, well...the people will oppose them...
- 6. Jesus demands authority by repeating "Answer Me" and making it emphatic at the end of the Greek sentence in 11:29-30:



7. 11:33, they don't finish the "if" statement, and just leave the consequences of their answer hang unspoken...



- 8. Their hypocrisy is evident to the crowd. Their answer was not based on what they believed, but what would not get them into trouble.
- 9. Since they admit they do not know:
 - a. They are humiliated by Jesus' questioning
 - b. They show they have no ability to discern God's will (John the Baptist? Yes or No?...they couldn't answer), so they admit they have no ability or authority to judge the source of Jesus' authority.

Mark 12:1-12 – Jesus tells parable to reveal the Jewish elites and leadership

- 1. Speak to "them" religious leaders, the elites in parables
- 2. Here the parables are used to reveal the truth to the listeners (leaders). Earlier in Mark the parables were used to hide the truth from the leaders. Jesus is beginning to reveal he is the Messiah to the leaders for them to accept or reject.
- 3. Isaiah 5:1-7 Israel is the vineyard that must produce good fruit or be run over by Assyria. Israel, Judah, Jerusalem is the vineyard in:
 - a. Isaiah 1:8
 - b. Isaiah 3:4
 - c. Isaiah 5:1-7
 - d. Isaiah 27:2
 - e. Ezekiel 19:10
 - f. Jeremiah 12:10
- 4. The tenants ren ting the vineyard would not be the poor, but the wealthy commercial farming corporations managing several farms and vineyards for owners who lived in other lands.
- 5. This parable is outrageous concerning:
 - a. The behavior of the tenants
 - b. The patience of the owner
- 6. Psalm 118:22-23 and 25-26
 - a. Hallel psalm recited at Passover
 - b. 118:25-26 recited by crowd at triumphal entry
 - c. 118:22-23 is the rejection of the cornerstone.
 - d. By quoting this Psalm about the Messiah on the temple mount Jesus is claiming to be the cornerstone of a new building of God
- 7. The messianic secret is being unveiled

Mark 12:13-17 - Herodians and Pharisees: Taxes and Caesar's Image on Coins in the Temple

- "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, himself Augustus"
- 2. Tax from 6AD a poll or head tax that Judas the Galilean revolted against and the Zealot movement picked up on to spark the Jewish war of 66-709 AD
- 3. Denarius of Caesar Tiberias (14-37 AD)

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Mark 12:18-27 – Sadducees and the Resurrection

Mark 12:28-34 – A Scribe asks about the Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:35-37 – Jesus asks a question about David's son called "Lord"

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