

The Authority of the Son

Mark 12:1-12

It is tempting to think that can push aside the claims of God over lives day after day and year after year. You may think, “I don’t need to follow God or believe in His Son, because I can’t see God’s presence in my life. God holds no significance in my life, so I will not offer Him my faith.” Although you cannot see God, He is no less your Lord. This morning we will look at the consequences of rejecting God and His Son as authority.

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Getting Started

1. Have you ever owned an item that turned out to be far more valuable than you would have expected? If so, what?
2. If you were a fruit, what fruit would you be?

Digging Deeper

Read Isaiah 5:1-7

3. What differences (or similarities) are there between Jesus’ parable in Mark 12 and Isaiah’s parable of the vineyard?
4. What significance may it hold that God sent His “beloved” Son (Mark 1:11; 9:7; 12:6) for us?
5. Jews believed that the rejected stone of Ps. 118:22 could be Abraham, David, the prophets, or the nation of Israel. What does this say about the people chosen by God?

Living It Out

6. What produce can you give back to God this week in light of the grace He has first given to you?
7. What do people try to gain by rejecting God’s authority?
8. How can you help someone who has lived in rejection to God come to see the importance of believing in Him this week?