

JESUS' AUTHORITY AS THE SON

Matthew 21:23-22:14

Key verse: 42

“Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

1. What question did the chief priests and elders ask Jesus and why (23;12, 15)? What was Jesus' counter-question, and why couldn't they answer (24-27)? Why did Jesus talk about John's baptism?
2. In Jesus' short story, what did a father ask his two sons and how did each respond (28-30)? What question did Jesus ask and how did they answer (31a)? How did Jesus apply the story (31b-32)? How should we respond to the gospel message?
3. In another parable, how did a landowner prepare his vineyard and with what expectation (33-34)? What do the tenants' and landowner's actions reveal about them (35-39)? What would happen to the tenants and the vineyard (40-41)?
4. Read verse 42. Why does Jesus quote Psalm 118:22, 23 here? How is Jesus the cornerstone (Ac 4:10-12)? Why is this marvelous to us? How did Jesus apply this (43-44)? How did the religious leaders respond (45-46)?
5. In Jesus' next parable, how did the invited guests respond to the king's repeated invitations to his son's wedding banquet (22:1-6)? What does this show about God? What would the king do (7)? Who does this first group of invited ones represent?
6. How did the king fill the wedding hall (8-10)? Who do these guests represent? What does this show about God and his kingdom? What happened to one unprepared guest and what do we learn (11-14)? What does this passage teach us about Jesus and his authority?