

Sermon Outline

CHALLENGE #1: FROM THE RELIGIOUS ELITE | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 11:27-12:12 (p.1444)

1. The challenge to Jesus: "why should we listen to you?" (11:27-28)

Mk 2:9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? 10 But I want you to know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.**” So he said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

Mk 11:18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

2. The response from Jesus: "I don't play games " (11:29-33)

3. "They knew He had spoken the parable against them" (12:1-12)

i. the landlord

Ps 80:8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. 11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

ii. the tenants

iii. the servants

iv. the son

Mk 1:11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are **my Son, whom I love**; with you I am well pleased.”

Mk 9:7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is **my Son, whom I love**. Listen to him!”

3 brief reflections:

- a. the self-deception of sin
- b. the rightness of God's judgment
- c. the role of the crowd

3. So what, for us?

i. don't pretend God is unaware of what's going on in His world

ii. don't play games with Jesus

iii. don't presume we would have been better than the chief priests and teachers of the law

iv. don't be hardened by sin's deceitfulness

Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God"!	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8