



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 21:23-46
Title: Kingdom Transfer
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Discussion Starter – What was God’s mission for the nation of Israel? What is God’s mission for the Church? (Luke 13:6-7 and Matthew 21:43) What is God’s mission for you? How are you doing on your mission?

Jesus authority is challenged, (Matthew 21:23-27)

- Israel was supposed to be a beacon to the world but had clearly failed. Read Matthew 5:14-16. As members of the church we are supposed to be the light of the world? Describe what this means?
- What action by Jesus prompted the question by the religious leaders?
- Jesus did not defend His authority but redirected the question to the leaders’ understanding of John the Baptist. Discuss the wisdom of His response.
- What is the problem with giving valuable truths to those who don’t want them? What is meant by casting your pearls before swine? What must we have to do this properly?
- How might our flesh get in the way of knowing when or when not to share truth with someone?

Parable of the two sons, (Matthew 21:28-32)

- Jesus continues His response with this parable. Who is represented by the two sons?
- The religious leaders clearly understood Jesus point, but did not respond to the personal application. Which is easier, to understand God’s word, or to submit to it? Why?
- Which does God value, knowledge or actions? (James 1:22)

Parable of the Landowner, (Matthew 21:33-46)

- Read verse 33. Identify and discuss the who and what as it pertains to the owner, the hedge, the winepress and the tower. (Reference Isaiah 5:1-7)
- What did God desire from Israel? (A nation that would reveal the true and living God to the world) How do you think Israel thought they were doing as God’s chosen people?
- How closely does the parable reflect the history of Israel with the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah?
- Read verse 43. Expand the title, “Kingdom Transfer”. What is the kingdom? What is being transferred?
- Has the church’s stewardship of God’s Vineyard been different from Israel’s? What is the predicted future of the Church?
- What is the predicted future of Israel? (Romans 11:25)
- When brought face to face with their guilt, the Jewish leaders were unrepentant. What is God’s warning to us?