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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Judgment on Israel

Matthew 21:23–32

Matt. 21:19, “And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves and said to it, ‘Let no fruit grow on you ever again.’ Immediately the fig tree withered away.”

ξηραίνω *xērainō*
aor pass indic 3 sing
to dry up and shrivel

1 Sam. 15:22, “So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.’”

Hos. 6:6, “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Matt. 21:23, “Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?’ ”





Matt. 21:24, “But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

Matt. 21:25, “ ‘The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?’ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘If we say, “From heaven,” He will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” ’ ”

Matt. 11:14, “And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.”

Matt. 17:10, “And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?’

Matt. 17:11, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.

Matt. 17:12, “ ‘But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.’ ”

**Matt. 21:26, “ ‘But if we say, “From men,”
we fear the multitude, for all count John as
a prophet.’ ”**

Matt. 21:27, “So they answered Jesus and said, ‘We do not know.’ And He said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’ ”

Replacement Theology

Definitions

“Replacement theology . . . declared that the Church, Abraham’s spiritual seed, had replaced national Israel in that it had transcended and fulfilled the terms of the covenant given to Israel, which covenant Israel had lost because of disobedience.”

~Walter Kaiser

“the Church completely and permanently replaced ethnic Israel in the working out of God’s plan and as recipient of Old Testament promises to Israel.”

~Ronald Diprose, *Israel and the Church*

“According to this teaching [supersessionism], God chose the Jewish people after the fall of Adam in order to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior. After Christ came, however, the special role of the Jewish people came to an end and its place was taken by the church, the new Israel.”

~Kendall Soulen

“For inasmuch as the former [the Jews] have rejected the Son of God, and cast Him out of the vineyard when they slew Him, God has justly rejected them, and given to the Gentiles outside the vineyard the fruits of its cultivation.”¹⁵ 15

~Irenaeus (130–200), *Against Heresies*, 36.2,

“I have endeavoured to show that the Jews, according to what had before been foretold, had departed from God, and had lost God’s favour, which had been given them in past time, and had been promised them for the future; while the Christians had succeeded to their place, deserving well of the Lord by faith, and coming out of all nations and from the whole world.”

~Cyprian (c. 250)

“We Christians, when we pray, say Our Father; because He has begun to be ours, and has ceased to be the Father of the Jews, who have forsaken Him.”

~Cyprian