

God's true king

The rejection of the king

Matthew 21:23–32

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

Don't be intimidated by 'expert disbelief' in Jesus because it is...

1. deliberate: they know he's God's king but don't want him as their king (v23–27)

2. determined: they have seen the clear evidence but don't want to repent (v28–32)

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- In what ways have you seen the same kind of deliberate and determined disbelief in Jesus today?
- How does Jesus exposure of disbelief help us to keep trusting him as our king?
- Matthew 21:12–22 makes it clear that Jesus is God's righteous judge bringing certain judgement on Israel and—one day—on all who reject him.
- How does this passage shape our view that judgement?