

Three Reasons Why People Refuse the Salvation of Christ

Mark 11:27-33

I. The Lost Person Rebels against Christ's Authority

MARK 11:27–28: Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28 And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?”

II. The Lost Person Rejects Concrete Evidence of Who Jesus Is

MARK 11:29–32: But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” 31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed.

III. The Lost Person's Refusal to Answer the Call of Christ

MARK 11:33: So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”