

***A Warning to Heed***  
**Matthew 21:23-22:14**  
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Main Point:

Jesus is the Savior and those who reject Him as such will perish; therefore, make sure you're truly united to Him and have His salvation.

1. While confronting the unbelieving Jews, Jesus reveals His true identity as the Savior.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Those who reject Jesus as the Savior will perish.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Make sure you're truly united to Jesus and have His salvation.

**Daniel Doriani** “Jesus answers their question with a question and their dilemma with a dilemma.”

**D.A. Carson** “Far from avoiding the religious leaders’ question, Jesus answers it so that the honest seeker of truth, unswayed by public opinion, will not fail to see who he is, while those interested only in snarking him with a captious question are blocked by a hurdle their own shallow pragmatism forbids them to cross.”

**Acts 13:46** <sup>46</sup> ... "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. (NKJV)

**Gordon Keddie** “To stumble over Christ, to balk at the claims of the gospel, is to ‘be broken to pieces’. That is to say, it is not Christ who is damaged, but you. *Not* to respond receptively to Jesus is to harden one’s heart and shrink from the light of truth, and thus to deepen the spiritual problem of personal unbelief. But to have Christ fall upon oneself is the final judgment and means being ‘crushed’.”

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** <sup>7</sup> and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (NKJV)

**Gordon Keddie** “His immediate goal [in verse 14] was to lay his finger on the consciences of his hearers, that they might be gripped by the necessity of not stopping with the call as they have heard it, but would go on to make their calling and election sure.”

**2 Corinthians 13:5a** <sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith ... (NKJV)