

- **The Origin of His Authority demonstrates His Deity and exposes our sin. (23-27)**
- **The Expectation of His Authority necessitates obedience. (28-32)**
- **The Rejection of His Authority results in judgment. (33-46)**

Questions for Discussion:

Who are some of the religious authorities in our culture today that challenge Christ's authority as Lord?
How do they challenge His authority?
Do you know people who are presently submitting to their authority?
Take time to pray for them.

How could people like tax collectors and prostitutes enter the kingdom of God before religious leaders?
What was the difference between the responses to John's teaching of the religious leaders and that of the tax gatherers and prostitutes?
Are there ways attenders of Harvest Bible Chapel could be more like the religious leaders of Jesus' day?
If so, how? What would it look like to "change their mind?"

How are the religious leaders like the wretched tenants of the owner's vineyard?
How are they like those who fall on the stone or have the stone fall on them?
How serious do you think most Christians understand the plight of those who reject Christ?
Do you know of people who have explicitly rejected Christ?
Take time to pray for them.