

Creekside Community Church  
*"Kingdom or Culture?"* The Gospel According to Mark  
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**Jesus and Rejection**  
(Mark 12:1-11)

1. Rejection is Promised

2. Rejection is Painful

3. Rejection is Profitable

**For further thought and discussion:**

**Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What experience of rejection do you remember most vividly? Why? What are some ways which the fear of rejection cripples Christians in our culture?

**Going Deeper**

3. Please read Mark 12:1-11. What is the point of this parable? Why does Jesus tell it? Why does He quote from Psalm 118?
4. How can we see from this passage that rejection is promised? How did Jesus know He would be rejected? (Mark 8:31?) What does this tell you about Jesus? How do we know that Christ's followers will be rejected? (John 15:19-20, 1 Peter 4:11-16) How is this information helpful to you in dealing with rejection?
5. How can we see from this passage that rejection is painful? (See also Isaiah 53:2-3, Psalm 22:6, Psalm 69:4, 9, 19-21) What does this tell you about Jesus? How is remembering that rejection is painful helpful when we are rejected?
6. How can we see from this passage that rejection is profitable? How did Christ's rejection profit Him? How does being rejected for Christ's sake profit us? (Hebrews 12:1-11, Matt. 5:11-12)

**Application**

What is one lesson you've learned from this passage which you will apply this week? How will you apply it?