

God's true king

The rejection of the king

Matthew 21:33–46

Have I made the right choice by following Jesus?

1. God's just judgement is coming to those who have rejected his Son (v33–41)

2. God's eternal kingdom has been given to those who have received his Son (v41–46)

v44a = Isaiah 8:14–15

"The LORD will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall...Many of them will stumble; **they will fall and be broken**"

v44b = Daniel 2:44

"the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed...**It will crush** all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How do these verses shape your thinking about God's judgement (eg about its rightness, its certainty, its basis)?
- How do these verses give you confidence in your decision to follow Jesus?