

Rejection is Marvelous



Mark desires to bolster our confidence in Jesus, so he writes to help us see that God has a most unusual way of building His kingdom, of providing salvation for us. The gospel is built on the rejection of Jesus by those who should have been able to recognize Him. Nothing occurred by accident.



Jesus has just...



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Cleaned out the temple



Jesus has just...

- Cleaned out the temple
- Gotten religious leaders to admit,
 "We don't know."





Owner of vineyard – God



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- Tenants Religious leaders



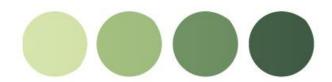
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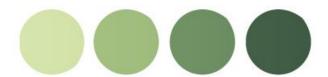
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Mark 12:9-11

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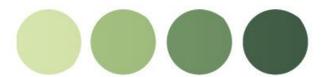
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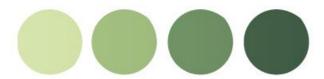


Mark's design...



Mark's design...

3 times Jesus predicted His death directly



Mark's design...

- 3 times Jesus predicted His death directly
- Predicts His death here again



Mark wants us to be confident...



Mark wants us to be confident...

Jesus' death was no accident



Mark wants us to be confident...

- Jesus' death was no accident
- Jesus' death was planned by God



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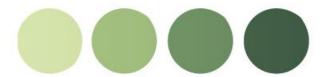


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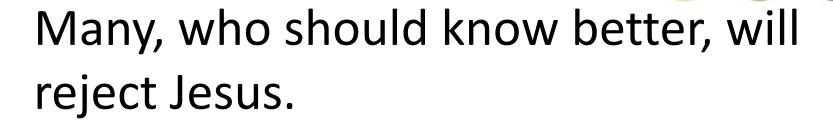
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Exodus 34:5-7

⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."



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What is marvelous?

- God loved us enough to have Jesus rejected
- God used Jesus being rejected as the basis of our spiritual rescue