**Luke 20: Jesus was rejected. Don’t reject Jesus**

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**Intro:** I’ve experienced rejection. Elementary school friends who ditched me in middle school. Casey (football), guys at lunch playing basketball.

**Transition**: I want to share with you another person who knew what rejection felt like.

Jesus **was** (then) by rejected by two groups:

1. Religious leaders: who gave you this authority? (20:2)
2. Political leaders: give to the “divine” Caesar (20:22-25)

Story he told them (20:9-18)

1. Vineyard owner planted and gave it to others
2. Vineyard owner sent others to check-in (they rejected)
3. Vineyard owner sent his son (they killed) (20:15)

Jesus was rejected. Jesus knew they would kill him.

Jesus is **still** rejected

1. People who reject “Christians” who don’t represent Jesus very well (I’m sorry)
2. People who reject *anyone* who challenges our autonomy, our control of our own life. We like to be in charge.

**Things we want you to know at YL**

1. God loves you.
2. Jesus came to show you God’s love
3. God has a wonderful (and challenging) plan for your life
4. **Do you reject or accept Jesus’ ownership over your life?**

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