

Disruptive Authority



When Jesus Invades Hostile Territory

The Source and Heart of Opposition



Luke 20:1-8

"If you want Christ, you can have him. The having him is that simple. It's the wanting Him that's hard."

Jared Wilson



"I assert most unhesitatingly, that the religion of the south is a mere covering for the most horrid crimes, - a justifier of the most appalling barbarity, - a sanctifier of the most hateful frauds, - and a dark shelter under, which the darkest, foulest, grossest, and most infernal deeds of slaveholders find the strongest protection. Were I to be again reduced to the chains of slavery, next to that enslavement, I should regard being the slave of a religious master the greatest calamity that could befall me. For of all the slaveholders with whom I have ever met, religious slaveholders are the worst. I have ever found them the meanest and basest, the most cruel and cowardly, of all others. It was my unhappy lot not only to belong to a religious slaveholder, but to live in a community of such religionists."

Frederick Douglass

"What I have said respecting and against religion, I mean strictly to apply to the **slaveholding religion** of this land, and with no possible reference to Christianity proper; for, between the Christianity of this land, and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference - so wide, that to receive the one as good, pure and holy, is of necessity to reject the other as bad, corrupt, and wicked. To be the friend of one, is of necessity to be the enemy of the other. **I love the pure, peaceable, and impartial Christianity of Christ:** I therefore hate the corrupt, slaveholding, women-whipping, cradle-plundering, partial and hypocritical Christianity of this land."

Frederick Douglass



How To Respond To
Opposition

Luke 20:9-18

How To Respond to Opposition

- We should not be surprised when people oppose the gospel.
- We don't have to be intimidated
- Jesus didn't soften His message
- Jesus was absolutely confident that rejection wasn't the end of the story



Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.

Mr. Beaver


