

# The Gospel According to Mark

## *Follow the Leader*

### *“A Marvelous Rejection?”*

**INTRO:** *Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem was punctuated by combative encounters with Israel’s religious leaders. In today’s passage, Jesus delivered a parable that exposed their hypocrisy that warranted judgment. But was this a good thing?*

**I. Jesus offered Israel a \_\_\_\_\_ in fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_.** (Cf. Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 11:28-30).

**II. Israel rejected Jesus’ offer of a \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus condemned Israel for her lack of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus’ condemnation was not so much against the people (who generally approved of Him) as it was against the leaders who had failed to guide the people.*

**III. Israel’s rejection of Jesus as Messiah was \_\_\_\_\_.**

*This is NOT the word many Believers might expect, but everything must be seen from God’s perspective. There were two reasons why.*

**A. \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*It was God’s plan (Cf. Genesis 3:15; 1 Peter 1:20).*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Israel has been temporarily set aside as God’s ambassadors but will one day be restored to prominence (Romans 11:25; Zechariah 12:10; Ephesians 2:14-15; 3:8-11).*