

THE REJECTION OF THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
MARK 12:1-12
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I. THE PARABLE: THE LEASED VINEYARD



- **(12:1) And he began to speak unto them by parables.**
 - 1. A certain man planted a vineyard,**
 - 2. and set an hedge about it,**
 - 3. and digged a place for the winefat,**
 - 4. and built a tower,**
 - 5. and let it out to husbandmen,**
 - 6. and went into a far country.**

The Song of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5)



I. THE PARABLE

(5:1) Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

II. THE PROSPECTS

III. THE PROBLEM

(5:2) And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

The Song of the Vineyard continued



IV. THE PROBING QUESTION

(5:3) And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

(5:4) What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

V. THE PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT

(5:5) And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

(5:6) And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

(5:7) For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

II. THE PROSPECTS: THE PROFITS FROM THE FRUIT OF THE VINEYARD



- **(12:2) And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.**
- Vineyards were not to be cut the first three years.
- **Leviticus 19:24-25, But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal. And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.**

III. THE PROBLEM: THE MISTREATMENT OF THE OWNER'S SERVANTS



- **(12:3) And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.**
- **(12:4) And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.**
- **(12:5) And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.**

IV. THE PRIMOGENITURE: THE EXPECTATION OF RESPECT AND A GOOD RECEPTION



- **(12:6) Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.**

V. THE PLAN: TO MURDER THE SON AND TAKE HIS INHERITANCE



- **(12:7) But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.**
- **(12:8) And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.**

VI. THE PROBING QUESTION: THE ANSWER OF JUDGMENT



- **(12:9) What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.**

VII. THE PROPHECY: THE MESSIAH WOULD BE REJECTED AND THEN EXALTED



- **(12:10) And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:**
- **(12:11) This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**

VIII. THE POINT UNDERSTOOD: THE SANHEDRIN DESIRED TO ARREST HIM



- **(12:12) And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.**

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



1. Christians should be fruitful people. The Lord has gone to great effort so that we can be fruitful.
2. We should respect and receive the servants of the Lord.
3. We should reverence and serve God's Son Jesus Christ.
4. Christ is the exalted Head of the Church!
5. We need to be good stewards of the Lord's vineyard.
6. The Husbandman of our souls will return some day and we will need to give account of our stewardship.

“REVERENCE MY SON”

LESSONS FOR HONEST INQUIRERS



1. God has sent many servants and messengers into the world. Their message is recorded in the Bible.
2. History is full of examples of how these messengers were received or rejected.
3. Ultimately, God sent His Son into the world. The world did not receive Him, but crucified Him.
4. The world does not value Jesus Christ because they do not value His Father.
5. The Lord desires for mankind to accept and reverence His Son.
6. Reverence is best seen in trust/faith. This faith embraces Christ's death on the cross and his glorious exaltation from the grave to the right hand of God the Father in Heaven.

“They will reverence my son”



Dear God,

Today, I want to accept your Son as my Lord and Savior. With your help I want to turn from my sins to put my trust in your saving grace. I want to have reverence for Your exalted Son.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.