

The Gospel According to Mark

The Stone Which the Builders Rejected

Mark 12:1-12



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Introduction:

I. THE PARABLE (vs. 1-9)

A. The Owner (vs. 1)

“And He began to speak to them in parables...”

“ ‘A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER’ ”

Isaiah 5:1-7

“ ‘and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.’ ”

B. The Overseers (vs. 2-5)

“ ‘At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.’ ”



“ ‘They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.’ ”

“ ‘Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.’ ”

“ ‘And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some and killing others.’ ”

C. The Outcome (vs. 6-9)

“ ‘He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ’ ”

“ ‘But those vine-growers said to one another, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!” They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.’ ”

“ ‘What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.’ ”

II. THE PUNCH (vs. 10-12)

A. The Question (vs. 10a)

“Have you not even read this Scripture...”

B. The Quote (vs. 10b-11)

“ ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES ?’ ”

Psalm 118:22-23

C. The Quandary (vs. 12)

“And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the people...”

“for they understood that He spoke the parable against them.”

“And so they left Him and went away.”

Conclusion:

- 1) This parable speaks to us of God...
- 2) This parable speaks to us of Jesus Christ...
- 3) This parable speaks to us of ourselves...

Food for Thought:

- 1) From Isaiah 5:1-7 identify the work of the vine-growers.
- 2) Why did Jesus use parables as a teaching method? Why did He use a parable in this case?
- 3) Find the two Old Testament texts that are quoted here and explain their significance in context.
- 4) How do you explain the inability of the chief priests to seize Jesus at this time.