

The Parable of the Tenants

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Mark 12:1-12

And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. 2 When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. 6 He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not read this Scripture: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 11 this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" 12 And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

1. The Vineyard Owner = **God**
2. The Vineyard = **God's People**
3. The Tenants = **Jewish Religious Leaders**
4. The Servants = **God's Prophets**
5. The Son = **Jesus Christ**
6. The Other Tenants = **The Gentiles**

**The Son of God, Jesus Christ is
the hope of the world.**

**What will you do with what has
been given to you?**

- I. God is **GENEROUS** (v. 1-2)
 - II. God is **PATIENT** (v. 2-6)
 - III. God is **JUDGE** (v. 9)
 - IV. Jesus is **LORD** (v. 6)
 - V. Jesus came to **DIE** (v. 7-8)
 - VI. God has given us a **GOOD WORK** to do. (v. 9)
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