

Matthew 28:19 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ^[20] Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

The Warning
Mark 12:1-12
Lesson #47
8-23-26

Mark 11:28 *"By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?"*

I. Jesus spoke to the religious leaders with a parable.

A. There was a man who created a vineyard.

Mark 12:1 *"Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place."*

B. There were several servants who tried to collect the rent.

1. The first servant was struck and sent away.

Mark 12:2 *"At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard."*

Mark 12:3 *"But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed."*

2. The second servant was smacked in the head.

Mark 12:4 *"Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully."*

3. The third servant was slaughtered.

Mark 12:5a *"He sent still another, and that one they killed. ..."*

Matthew 21:35 *"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third."*

4. There were many others who were beaten or slain.

Mark 12:5b "... He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed."

C. The owner's son was sent to carry out his father's plan.

Mark 12:6 "He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

Mark 12:7 "But the tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

Mark 12:8 "So they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard."

II. Jesus shared a solemn warning in His parable.

A. Jesus asked the Jewish religious leaders a question.

Mark 12:9a "What then will the owner of the vineyard do?"

B. The Jewish religious leaders answered the question of Jesus.

Mark 12:9b "... He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

Matthew 21:41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and He will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

III. Jesus switched from the vineyard metaphor to the rejected rock.

****Mark 12:10** "Haven't you read this passage of Scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,'"

Acts 4:10 "Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."

Acts 4:11 "He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Mark 12:11 "The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Matthew 21:43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:44 "He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

****Mark 12:12** "Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so, they left him and went away."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. God warns us not to reject Him!

John 1:11 "He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him."

Luke 4:29 "They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. ^[30] But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way."

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on Him."

B. God wants us to repent of our sins and trust Him!

Matthew 4:17 "From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near."

Mark 1:15 "The time has come, He said, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Luke 19:8b "... Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

C. God wants us to relay the Gospel message to others!