



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022



Take your Pulse

What brings you joy?

What makes you angry?

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 12

In this chapter, Jesus continues to agitate the religious leaders with his teachings. He tells them quite blatantly the parable of the Wicked Tenants, which infuriates the leaders when they realize it is a parable against them. The leaders then try to trick him by asking a question about paying taxes and Jesus' response utterly amazes them. Jesus is then questioned about the resurrection by the Sadducees and then a scribe asks Jesus about which commandment is the first of all. Jesus makes clear the Davidic role of the messiah and then denounces the scribes, which of course don't make them very happy. This chapter ends with a lesson on stewardship with the example of a widow's offering.



Start the Thinking

In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants, Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22-23., a passage the early church used to talk about Christ as the cornerstone? What does this mean? What does a community look like if Christ is indeed the cornerstone?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes your teachings are disturbing and unsettling as they point out our flaws and failures. Be our cornerstone and foundation that comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comforted. Guide us to be your kingdom people. Amen.



Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen