



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 45 - 12:1-12

The Owner and the Vineyard

READ: Mark 12:1 AND Isaiah 5:1–7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) In Isaiah 5 and Mark 12, the vineyard clearly represents God's people. What does the care the owner gives the vineyard tell us about God's character and expectations for His people?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus chose the vineyard imagery from Isaiah, knowing the religious leaders would recognize it immediately?
- 3) In the sermon, Pastor G said, "The vineyard exists because of the owner, not the tenants." What does that statement teach us about our lives, gifts, and responsibilities before God?
- 4) If our lives are like a vineyard entrusted to us, beyond the Fruits of the Spirit Paul lists in Galatians 5:22-23, what other kinds of "fruit" should God reasonably expect to see growing in us?

The Servants and God's Patience

READ: Mark 12:2–5 AND Matthew 23:37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) The owner repeatedly sends servants even after they are mistreated. What does this reveal about God's patience with His people throughout history?
- 2) How do the servants in the parable connect with the prophets of the Old Testament? Can you think of examples of prophets who were rejected or persecuted?
- 3) Pastor G said, "The owner is not demanding something prematurely. He is asking for what should naturally exist by this point." What does that say about God's expectations for spiritual growth in our lives?
- 4) Why do you think people often resist or reject God's messengers even when they are speaking truth?

The Beloved Son

READ: Mark 12:6–8 AND Hebrews 1:1–2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the significance of the owner sending his beloved son after the servants were rejected? What does that reveal about God's final message to humanity?
- 2) Why do the tenants decide to kill the heir? What does this reveal about the nature of human rebellion against God?
- 3) Pastor G said, "They knew exactly who he was." Why is recognizing who Jesus is not always enough to lead someone to repentance?
- 4) How does the treatment of the son foreshadow what would soon happen to Jesus in Jerusalem?

The Rejected Stone and the Question for Us

READ: Mark 12:9–12 AND Psalm 118:22–23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus quotes Psalm 118 about the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone right after the parable?
- 2) What does the "cornerstone" imagery tell us about Jesus' role in God's plan and in the foundation of our faith?
- 3) Pastor G said, "It is possible to understand exactly what Jesus is saying and still walk away unchanged." Why do you think that happens?
- 4) The leaders feared the crowd more than they feared God (Mark 12:12). What are some modern examples of people choosing approval or control instead of truth?