

**Authority & Ownership:  
The Owner, The Murderers, & The Son  
Mark 12:1-12  
April 30th, 2023**

- Last Sermons: The Fruitless Fig Tree & The Lord Of The Nations - Mark 11:11-25 &
- By What Authority? - Mark 11:27-33

**A Familiar Problem: Authority & Ownership**

- **ἐξουσία** (exousia) - authority, it has to do with right and might (**Mark 11:28 (2x), 29, 33**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is The Central Issue Throughout Mark Chapter 12
  1. Real Estate (**Mark 12:1**)
  2. Business (**Mark 12:1-2**)
  3. Ministry (**Mark 12**)
  4. Being The Bearer Of '\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_' (**Mark 12:2-9**)

**What Is Going On Here?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Violence Picks Up (**Mark 12:3, 4, 5, 'many others'**)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Go From Crazy To Insane & Then From Insane To Worse (**Mark 12:2-8**)
3. Compare All The Messengers & The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Son (**Mark 12:2-8, Hebrews 11:35-38, Hebrews 1:1-2**)
4. Notice The Extreme & Costly \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Owner Of The Vineyard (**Mark 12:1-9**)

**Why People Act This Way?**

- Why Do People Struggle To Accept God's Ownership?
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Past & Present (**Mark 12:12, Romans 11**)
    - Zealous To Preserve Religious Privilege & Jealous Of God's Favor
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Past & Present (**Psalm 2:1-3, Genesis 3**)
    - Not Believing God's Goodness & Demanding More Than God Has Given
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Have - Past & Present (**1 Timothy 1:13, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**)
    - Many Christians Have Been Past Persecutors & We Each Easily Act Like My Life Is My Own

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Do - Past & Present (**Romans 1:20-21**)

- Acting Ignorant In Order To Deny God's Ownership - A Cosmic Authority Problem

### **The Cornerstone Of The Story**

1. If There Is One Religious Leader You Can Respect It Is \_\_\_\_\_
2. All Religions Regard Him In \_\_\_\_\_ ... But Also \_\_\_\_\_ Him
3. 'The Builders Reject Him' ... \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Jesus Quotes From \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ The Very Psalm Quoted On Palm Sunday (**Psalm 118:22-23, Mark 12:10-11, Psalm 118:25-26, Mark 11:9-10**)
5. Through His Rejection, We Are Accepted (**Mark 12:7-8, Mark 10:45**)

### **How This Cornerstone Fits & Fulfills Our Lives**

1. Jesus Teaches Us How To Relate With God's \_\_\_\_\_ Of Us (**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**)
2. We Learn Joyful Thoughtful \_\_\_\_\_ From The Son (**1 Peter 2:20-3:7**)
3. We Can Now Understand How Much It Cost Him To Get Us The \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 12:6-8, Romans 8:16-17**)

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Why does Jesus choose to use a parable here in Mark 12?
2. Have you ever been in a challenging situation when it comes to ownership? Discuss the tension and relationship between authority & ownership.
3. Consider this parable. What is surprising in this parable? How would have Jesus' audience heard the story he told?
4. What does God own in your life? What do you own? How do our ownership and God's ownership relate?
5. Any specific things that may need to change in your life as you reflect on this parable?

**Suggested Reading:** *Business For The Glory Of God*, by Wayne Grudem

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Own, Owner, Ownership