

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN *in the* WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

(JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson THIRTEEN...Jesus Confronts the Religious Leaders (Mark 12:1-44)

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INTRO

The PARABLE of the VINEYARD

Mark 12:1-44 (NKJV)¹ Then He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around *it*, dug a *place* for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ² Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. ³ And they took *him* and beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. ⁴ Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully treated. ⁵ And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. ⁶ Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷ But those vinedressers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸ So they took him and killed *him* and cast *him* out of the vineyard. ⁹ Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not even read this Scripture: '*The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.*' ¹¹ *This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?*" ¹² And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

- Jer 12:10 (NLT)¹⁰ "Many rulers have ravaged my vineyard, trampling down the vines and turning all its beauty into a barren wilderness.
- *'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.*

CHOOSING and EXAMINING the LAMB for SUITABILITY...

- The Passover Lamb was to be chosen on the 10th of the month of Abib/Nisan (mid March-mid April).

Exodus 12:3 (NKJV) ³... 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

John 12:12-13 (NKJV) ¹²The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

Passover Lamb was examined for suitability until the 14th of Abib/Nisan.

Exodus 12:5, 6 (NKJV) ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶Now you shall keep (**safeguard; protect; preserve**) it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

INSPECTED by the PHARISEES and HERODIANS

Mark 12:13 Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in *His* words.

Mark 12:14 When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? ^{15a} Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?"

- "Is it lawful..."

Mark 12:15b But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see *it*." ¹⁶ So they brought *it*. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.



If someone inspected you like Caesar's coin. Whose image and inscription would they see stamped on you?

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT)¹³ So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Eph 1:12-13 (NLT)¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God.¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago

RE: the suffering Church in Rome:

Romans 13:6-7 (NLT)⁶ Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

INSPECTED by the SADDUCEES

Mark 12:18 Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying:

- **(CWSB Dictionary)** *The Sadducees were a small party with limited influence among the people and of a rationalistic turn of mind. From their connection with the priests, they were men of position and more or less of wealth. They were worldly-minded and had only a superficial interest in religion. Their theology was in direct contradiction to the Pharisees, and from its nature, could not be popular. It embraced four principal tenets:*
 - (I) A denial of the divinity ...*
 - (II) The Sadducees accepted the teaching of Moses only and seemed to have rejected the later books of the OT...*
 - (III) The denial of man's resurrection. ...*
 - (IV) The fourth principal tenet was that man had absolute moral freedom, ...*

Mark 12:19 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves *his* wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.²⁰ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring.²¹ And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise.²² So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also.²³ Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

- (See **Deut. 25:5-10** if you want to know about the levirate marriage law).

Mark 12:24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Mark 12:26 **But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *burning bush passage*, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."**

- ***I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...***

INSPECTED by the SCRIBES

Mark 12:28 **Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"**

Mark 12:29 **Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. ³³ And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."**

- **Deut. 6:4-8(NLT)** ⁴ "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- **Lev 19:18 (NLT)** ¹⁸ "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Mark 12:34 **Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.**

- ***...not far from the kingdom...***
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John 11:45-52 (NLT)⁴⁵ Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.⁴⁶ But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.⁴⁷ Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.⁴⁸ If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation."⁴⁹ Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, "You don't know what you're talking about! ⁵⁰ You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."⁵¹ He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation.⁵² And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world.

TEACHING in the TEMPLE

Mark 12:35 Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How *is it* that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? ³⁶ For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: *'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*' ³⁷ Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord'; how is He *then* his Son?" And the common people heard Him gladly.

- **Psalms 110:1 (NLT)¹** The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet."

Dan 7:13-14 (NLT)¹³ As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.¹⁴ He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Heb 2:14-15 (NLT)¹⁴ Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

- ***And the common people heard Him gladly.***

Mark 12:38 Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, *love greetings in the marketplaces*,³⁹ the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

- ***Beware of the scribes...***

1. **Long robes... (*Numbers 15:38*).**

See Illustrated Manners and Customs of the Bible (Page 480) JI Packer; MC Tenney Editors

2. **Love greetings in market places...**

3. **Love the best seats in the synagogue and feasts...**

1 John 2:15-16 (NLT)¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

4. ***...who devour widows' houses...***

5. *...and for a pretense make long prayers...*

- These will receive greater condemnation.

The FAITH of the WIDOW

Mark 12:41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."



- two mites (Greek lepta)

Malachi 3:10 (NASB Strong's (Lockman))¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

Prov 3:9-10 (NLT)⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Psalms 34:8 (NASB) O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

IN CLOSING

Ex 12:11-14 (NLT)¹¹ "These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord's Passover.¹² On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord!¹³ But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.¹⁴ "This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the Lord. This is a law for all time.

Jesus is our Passover Lamb. His blood was shed for our salvation from the judgment of God on our sin. Only those who put their faith in Jesus will be saved. God promises to those who believe: "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Have you trusted Christ?

NEXT WEEK: March 3rd - NO BIBLE STUDY

March 10: Lesson FOURTEEN...The Second Coming of Christ (Mark 13:1-37)