

How is My Vineyard?

Mark 12:1-12

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***“A parable so obvious that
some consider this an
allegory.”***



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CAST

Vineyard Owner

Vineyard

Tenants

Servants

Son

God the Father

Israel/God's people

Religious Leaders

Prophets

Jesus



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1 And He began to speak to them in parables: “A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.

2 “At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.

Isaiah 5:7 “For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.”

Proposal #1 of Vineyard Owner 1-2

- Rejection of the Religious 11:27-33
- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Empty Vineyard – Evil Tenants
- Owner entrusts caretakers - leaves

***We are NOT owners –
caretakers of a faith and
family that is bigger than all
of us!***



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3 “They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

4 “Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.

5 “And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some and killing others.



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Proposal #1 of Vineyard Tenants 3-5

- We will keep it – share none
- We do not accept your claim

***“According to what I have seen,
those who plow iniquity And
those who sow trouble harvest
it.”***

Job 4:8



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6 “He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

Proposal #2 of Vineyard Owner 6

- “This is my beloved Son – hear Him!”
- John 1:11 – 9:7
- ‘only’ Son – John 3:16
- Rich Man & Lazarus – won’t listen!

***“Members of the Church are
God’s tenants and they have
both a good Landlord and
a good bargain!”***

Matthew Henry



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7 “But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’

8 “They took him, and killed him and
threw him out of the vineyard.

“Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them.” Jer 7:15



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19 “because they have not listened to My words,’ declares the LORD, ‘which I sent to them again and again by My servants the prophets; but you did not listen,’ declares the LORD.” Jer 29:19

Proposal #2 of Vineyard Tenants 7-8

- Son comes to claim for father
- Deny ownership – claim inheritance
- This world is not mine! 1 John 2:15
- Psalm 104:24 “O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.”

***“Do not sow wild oats in life
and then pray for crop failure!”***



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9 “What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.

Proposal of Jesus 9

- What will the owner do?
- Matt 11 “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end”
- Luke 20 “May it never be!”
- No heir – dispossess the evil tenants - sell and rent again

10 “Have you not even read this
Scripture:
‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS
REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone;

11 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”



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12 And they were seeking to seize Him,
and yet they feared the people, for they
understood that He spoke the parable
against them. And so they left Him and
went away.

Proposal of Religious Leaders 10-12

- Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22,23
- Peter quotes Psalm 118 in Acts 4:11
- Peter quotes Psalm 118 in 2Peter 2
- Leaders still want to kill Jesus but now
He is too popular – Romans!

***“A tenant farmer would ask the
Owner – what part of today do you
wish to use?”***



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