

## **Sermon Slides:**

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And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. 2 When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. 6 He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
11 this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

12 And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

(Mark 12:1-2, ESV)

### **Title Slide**

A Rejected Owner  
Mark 12:1-12

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#### **Roadmap**

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- 2. From Parable to Prophecy**
- 3. An Appropriate Response**

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**A Cultural & Biblical Understanding of the Parable**



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### A Cultural & Biblical Understanding of the Parable

*Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:*

*My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.*

*2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.*

*3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.*

*4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?*

*When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?*

*(Isaiah 5:1-4, ESV)*

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### Old Testament Servants

- Amos = Fled in exile (Amos 7)
- Jeremiah = Treated shamefully (Jeremiah 38)
- Zacharia = Stoned to death (2 Chronicles 24)

*“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!” (Matthew 23:37, ESV)*

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### From Parable to Prophecy

*“Have you not heard? **“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**” (Mark 12:10-11, ESV)*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.*

*20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.*

*21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

*22 **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.***

*23 **This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.***

*24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*25 **Save us**, we pray, O Lord!*

*O Lord, we pray, give us success!*

*26 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!***

*We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

*“And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, **“Hosanna! (Save us!) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”** (Mark 11:9-10, ESV)*

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*“...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” (Romans 5:8-11, ESV)*

## Closing Slide

*This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:11-12, ESV)*

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## Group Notes & Questions

1. Read Mark 12:1-12 together. Initially (prior to hearing the sermon) what had been your understanding about the purpose of this parable? What surprised you about what you heard in the sermon?
2. Last week the temple delegation asked the question(s), “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” Instead, Jesus refuses to answer, but instead tells them a story.
  1. Parables are used to simultaneously conceal and reveal meaning, depending on the audience. What does the story indirectly reveal about:
    1. Jesus’ **authority**? (Which character is Jesus?)
    2. God’s **mercy and grace**? (How does the vineyard owner respond after his servants are rejected, beaten and killed?)
    3. God’s **judgment** toward injustice and wickedness? (What is the only evil that God will not forgive?)
  2. The delegation “perceived that he had told the parable against them.” Were they truly blind to the parable’s meaning or were they simply refusing to see the meaning?
3. The **son** (Heb: *ben*) was rejected by the tenants and the **stone** (Heb: *eben*) was rejected by the builders. What are some ways that you knowingly or unknowingly reject (even as a believer) Christ’s authority or centrality in your life?
4. The cornerstone is the guide which orients and calibrates the rest of the structure. If you are out of alignment with The Cornerstone, what are some ways to get adjusted and realigned?
5. Pray for one another.