



~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 11:27-12:12 | THE VINEYARD

And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me.” And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From man’?”—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

MARK 11:27-33

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. When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully.

MARK 12:1-4

And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

MARK 12:5-9

Have you not read this Scripture:

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

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 12:5-9

CHALLENGING JESUS

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MARK 11:27-28

A CONTEST OF QUESTIONS

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MARK 11:29-33

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

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MARK 12:1-5

THE SON TO THE SLAUGHTER

He had still one other, a *beloved* son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

MARK 12:6-9

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1. THE LUSH GOODNESS OF GOD
 2. THE PATIENT MERCY OF GOD
 3. THE SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF GOD
 4. THE PERFECT JUSTICE OF GOD
 5. THE GENEROUS GRACE OF GOD
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THE STONE OF REJECTION

Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” (from Psalm 118)

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 12:5-9

1. Do you live as though Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth?

2. Why not?
