



A dirt path leads through tall, dry grass. The text "THE KINGDOM COMES" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The path is made of dark soil and small stones, leading towards the background. The grass is tall and thin, with some seed heads visible. The overall tone is warm and natural.

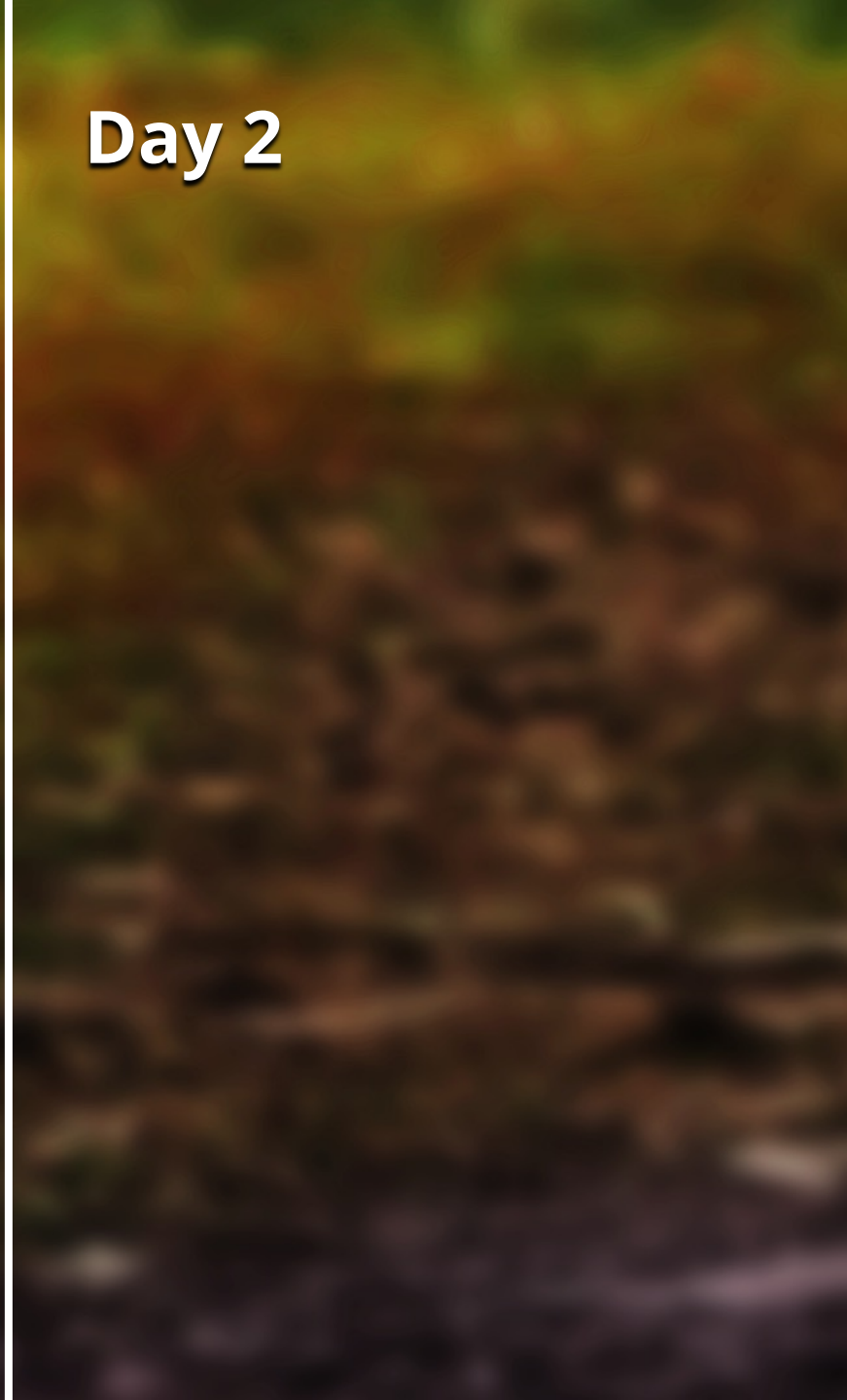
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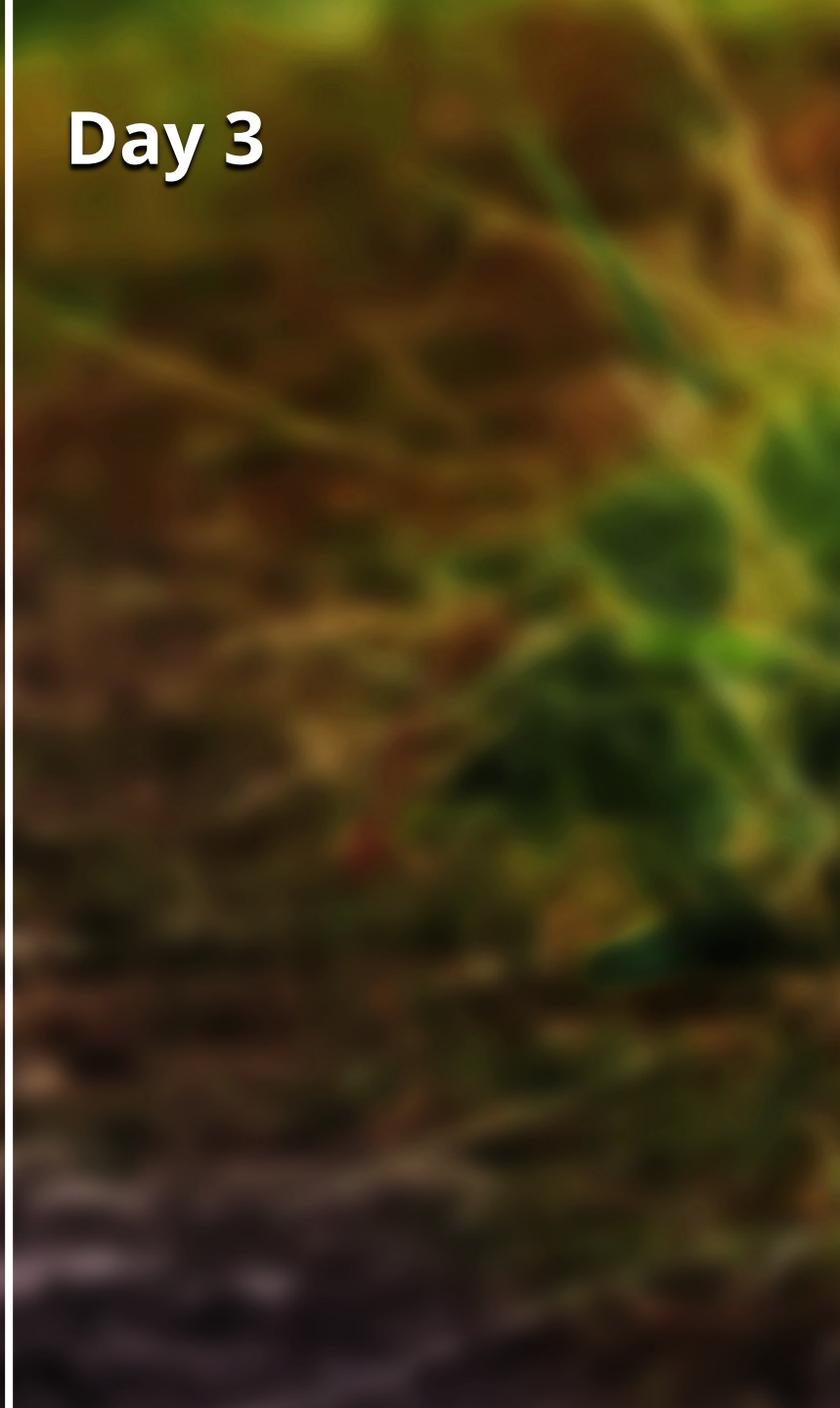
Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 1 (*Palm Sunday*)

The blind man

A deliberate king

A display of leaves

Day 2

Day 3

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many warned him to keep quiet, but he was crying out all the more, "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

Mark 10:46-48 CSB

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man and said to him, "Have courage! Get up; he's calling for you." He threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. Then Jesus answered him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabboni," the blind man said to him, "I want to see." Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has saved you." Immediately he could see and began to follow Jesus on the road.

Mark 10:49-52 CSB

When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.' "

Mark 11:1-3 CSB

So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, and some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it.

Mark 11:4-6 CSB

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem!

Look, your King is coming to you;

he is righteous and victorious,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 CSB

Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Mark 11:8-10 CSB

He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Mark 11:11 CSB

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The next day when they went out from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, he went to find out if there was anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And his disciples heard it.

Mark 11:12-14 CSB

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Mark 11:15-16 CSB



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Mark 11:15-16 CSB

He was teaching them: "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!"

Mark 11:17 CSB

The **chief priests** and **the scribes** heard it and started looking for a way to kill him. For they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was astonished by his teaching.

Mark 11:18 CSB

Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.

Mark 11:19 CSB

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Day 3 (*Confrontation*)

The blind leaders

A deliberate king

A display of leaves

Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

Mark 11:20-21 CSB

Jesus replied to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Mark 11:22-23 CSB

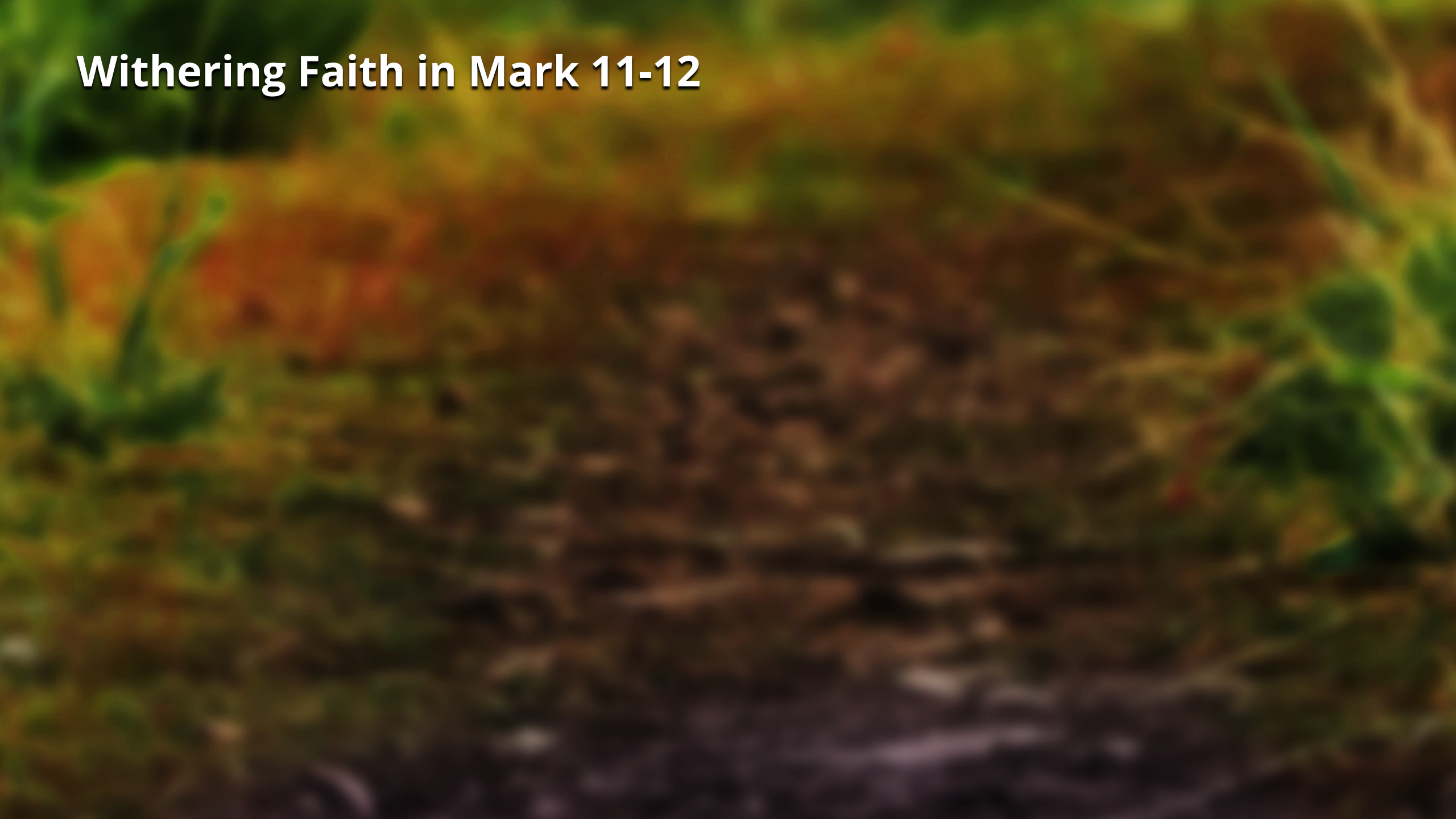
Therefore I tell you, everything you pray and ask for—believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing.”

Mark 11:24-25 CSB

They came again to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, **the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders** came and asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do these things?"

Mark 11:27-28 CSB

Withering Faith in Mark 11-12



Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; then answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was John's baptism from heaven or of human origin? Answer me."

Mark 11:29-30 CSB

They discussed it among **themselves**: “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ”—**they** were afraid of the crowd, because everyone thought that John was truly a prophet. So **they** answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” And Jesus said to **them**, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Mark 11:31-33 CSB

He began to speak to **them** in parables: “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug out a pit for a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went away. At harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers to collect some of the fruit of the vineyard from them.

Mark 12:1-2 CSB

But they took him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant to them, and they hit him on the head and treated him shamefully. Then he sent another, and they killed that one. He also sent many others; some they beat, and others they killed.

Mark 12:3-5 CSB

He still had one to send, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenant farmers said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:6-8 CSB

What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill the farmers and give the vineyard to others.

Mark 12:9 CSB

Haven't you read this Scripture: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This came about from the Lord and is wonderful in our eyes?"

Mark 12:10-11 CSB

They were looking for a way to arrest him but feared the crowd because they knew he had spoken this parable against **them**. So **they** left him and went away.

Mark 12:12 CSB

Withering Faith in Mark 11-12

11:27-12:12 - Legalistic nonsense that ignores the work of God and the Word in favor of power preservation

Then **they** sent some of **the Pharisees** and **the Herodians** to Jesus to trap him in his words. When **they** came, **they** said to him, “Teacher, we know you are truthful and don’t care what anyone thinks, nor do you show partiality but teach the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

Mark 12:13-14 CSB

But knowing **their** hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at." **They** brought a coin. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked **them**. "Caesar's," **they** replied. Jesus told them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And **they** were utterly amazed at him.

Mark 12:15-17 CSB

Withering Faith in Mark 11-12

11:27-12:12 - Legalistic nonsense that ignores the work of God and the Word in favor of power preservation

12:13-17 - Faithless thought exercises designed to destroy

Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and questioned him: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife behind but no child, that man should take the wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

Mark 12:18-19 CSB

There were seven brothers. The first married a woman, and dying, left no offspring. The second also took her, and he died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. None of the seven left offspring. Last of all, the woman died too. In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be, since the seven had married her?"

Mark 12:20-23 CSB

Jesus spoke to them, "Isn't this the reason why you're mistaken: you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven.

Mark 12:24-25 CSB

And as for the dead being raised—haven't you read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to him: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living. You are badly mistaken."

Mark 12:26-27 CSB

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One of **the scribes** approached. When **he** heard them debating and saw that Jesus answered them well, **he** asked him, “Which command is the most important of all?”

Mark 12:28 CSB

Jesus answered, "The most important is Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31 CSB

Then **the scribe** said to him, "You are right, teacher. You have correctly said that he is one, and there is no one else except him. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, is far more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:32-33 CSB

When Jesus saw that **he** answered wisely, he said to **him**,
“**You** are not far from the kingdom of God.” And no one
dared to question him any longer.

Mark 12:34 CSB

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12:28-34 - Faith that stops at nearness

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he asked, “How can **the scribes** say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself says by the Holy Spirit: The Lord declared to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’ David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How, then, can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

Mark 12:35-37 CSB

He also said in his teaching, "Beware of **the scribes**, who want to go around in long robes and who want greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the places of honor at banquets. **They** devour widows' houses and say long prayers just for show. **These** will receive harsher judgment."

Mark 12:38-40 CSB

Sitting across from the temple treasury, he watched how the crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little.

Mark 12:41-42 CSB

Summoning his disciples, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had—all she had to live on."

Mark 12:43-44 CSB

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12:35-44 - "Faith" that devours the downtrodden

As he was going out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What massive stones! What impressive buildings!" Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another—all will be thrown down."

Mark 13:1-2 CSB

Responding With Fruitful Faith



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Does the King see your leaves *and* find fruit?

