

the parable in *Mark 12:1-12*?

**Reflection Questions:** In what areas of my life do I reject the authority of Jesus? How do I act like I own my life instead of submitting to Jesus? What fruit am I producing? What fruit do I need to produce?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*If I were God and the world had treated me as it treated Him, I would kick the wretched thing to pieces!*

Martin Luther

*They slew Him that they might possess and because they slew Him, they lost.*

Augustine

*If you reject Him, He answers you with tears; if you wound Him, He bleeds out cleansing; if you kill Him, He dies to redeem; if you bury Him, He rises again to resurrection.*

Charles Spurgeon

*If we have been Christians for any length of time, it is inexcusable to lack any of the fruits of the Spirit. There is no excuse for being dominated by temper, jealousy, lasciviousness, covetousness, or whatever—none!*

R. Kent Hughes

*If humanity can dispense with God, or even kill God, then humanity can become God.*

James Edwards



Wicked Tenants

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. The Parable (1-8)

2. The Question & Answer (9)

3. The Explanation (10--11)

4. The Reaction (12)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

*Matthew 21:33-46* —

*Mark 12:1-12* —

*Luke 20:9-20* —

3. What was the context of Jesus giving this parable? Who was it spoken to and why?

4. What do the various elements of this parable represent?

Landowner —

Vineyard —

Vine-growers —

Owner's Slaves —

Owner's Son —

5. Read *Isaiah 5:1-7*. What do you learn about God and His vineyard here?

6. What is revealed about God's character in *Isaiah 5:1-7* and *Mark 12:1-12*?

7. Why is God so patient (*2 Peter 3:9*)?

8. What examples of Israel rejecting God's prophets can you think of? Use Scripture.

9. Why did the owner of the vineyard think the tenants would treat his son with respect (*Mark 12:6*)?

10. What did God expect to receive from the people when He sent His prophets and His Son to them?

11. Read *Mark 12:9*. What does Jesus mean by this?

12. How do the following verses help you understand what Jesus was saying in *Mark 12:10-11*?

*Psalms 118:22-23* —

*Romans 9:33* —

*Isaiah 8:14* —

*1 Corinthians 3:11* —

*Isaiah 28:16* —

*Ephesians 2:20-22* —

*Acts 4:11* —

*1 Peter 2:6-8* —

13. What is the main point of this parable (*Mark 12:1-12*)? Did the religious leaders understand what Jesus was saying?

14. Who did the religious leaders fear (*Mark 12:12*)? Why? Who should they have feared?

15. How does Jesus answer the question posed in *Mark 11:28* by giving