

The Owner of the Vineyard

Mark 12:1-12

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I. How Israel treated the O.T. prophets. Mark 12:1-5

"In order to retain his legal rights to the property, the _____ had to receive produce from the tenants, even if it was only some of the vegetables that grew between the rows of trees or vines." (Wiersbe)

- The persecution of the Old Testament prophets happened in different ways; whether it was by rejection, being imprisoned, being ridiculed, physical violence, and even _____.

Today, the Lord is still pursuing lost people as He sends messenger after messenger to them, communicating His unfailing love, forgiveness and _____ the lost eternal life.

II. The final messenger from God. Mark 12:6-9

"This is the year when the fruit was devoted to the Lord (Lev. 19:24), and it makes the sending of the Son even more _____." (Wiersbe)

- "If you do not hear the well-beloved Son of God, you have refused your last hope. He is God's ultimatum. Nothing remains when Christ is _____." (Spurgeon)

III. The Cornerstone. Mark 12:10-12

Psalm 118:22 *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief _____.* NKJV

- **Daniel 2:35b** "And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and _____ the whole earth. NKJV

The Holy Spirit _____ these religious leaders that Jesus was who He claimed to be; but notice what they did instead of repenting, **they sought to lay hands on Him.**

IV. Practical Application. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

The _____ given to these religious leaders, in the parable of the wicked vinedressers, is the same choice given to every person in this room, as well as to every person in the world.

- If you receive Jesus' pardon and free gift of salvation, you are essentially falling on the Rock and you will be _____ of your pride, but the power of sin and shame will be broken.

Being righteous, or having a right standing with God, is the only qualification we need. Righteousness is a _____ we receive when we receive Jesus Christ, who becomes our righteousness. **Colossians 1:12**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 12:1-5** and **Leviticus 19:23-25**. In ancient Israel, what did an absentee landowner have to do to ensure he would not lose his rights to his property?
Hebrews 13:12-13
2. Who is the vineyard in this parable? What did the vinedressers in this parable do to the messengers who were sent from the owner?
Matthew 23:31, Acts 7:51-53, 2 Kings 2:23, Jeremiah 20:7, Isaiah 30:10, Micah 2:6.
3. Read **Mark 12:10**. Who is the Stone?
Exodus 17:6, Daniel 2:34-35, Zechariah 4:7, Romans 9:32-33, 1 Peter 2:6-8, Isaiah 28:16
4. Read **Mark 12:12**. Did the religious leaders realize who Jesus was?
Matthew 21:41, John 11:45-48, John 12:42, Luke 16:13-15
5. Read **1 Corinthians 10:1-4** and discuss the Practical Application portion of the sermon.
Matthew 21:44, John 16:7-11, Colossians 1:12