

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

The Consequences of Rejecting Jesus

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Mark 12:1-12 (Pages 824,1004, or 1016)

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:12***

Big Idea: To reject the Son is to reject the Father who sent him,
which will bring God's certain judgement.

1. God _____ Us Even When We
Resist Him. (12:1-5)

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." **2 Peter 3:9***

2. God _____ His _____ And _____ For Us
By Sending His Only Son. (12:6-8)

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16***

3. God Will Certainly _____ Those Who Reject His Son.
(12:9-12)

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." **John 3:36***

Sermon Questions:

1. Read **Exodus 34:6-7**, **Numbers 14:18**, and **Nahum 1:3a**. How long does God put up with rebellion before He punishes the guilty?
2. Read **Mark 12:1-12**. How does this parable describe the nation of Israel and their rejection of God's will?

3. How did God demonstrate His patience toward them?

What does this parable tell you about the fate of those who reject Jesus as the Son of God?

4. As we saw last week, **Mark 11:27-33** described confrontation between Jesus and the religious leaders. Jesus responded with this parable about the vineyard. What was Jesus' point in vv. **11-12** where He quoted **Psalms 118:22-23**?

Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of His day. So, does this parable have application to us today? If so, what?

5. The renters of the vineyard obviously doubted and mocked the landowner's authority. However, just because the owner wasn't physically present did not mean his authority wasn't real. Someone has said, "Character is defined by what you do when you think no one is watching." Does your life relate to the renter's rejection of the landowner's authority? How so?

6. Read **Mark 12:12**. The religious leaders *knew* they were the renters in Jesus' parable. How did this knowledge affect them? How should it have affected them? What kind of response does God want from a person when confronted with their own rebellion against Him?

7. Read **Mark 12:10**. Isn't it amazing that the builders rejected the cornerstone? Read **John 5:39** and **Acts 17:11**. How eager and sincere are you in examining the Scriptures in order to understand more about God and Jesus?

8. People all over the world, and here in Lynnwood, have rejected God and the good news of Jesus Christ. The ACC mission statement is, "To live as everyday followers of Jesus." How will the message of this parable help you live out this mission in your life?