

**Render to God
What is God's**

Mark 12:1-27

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zc 9:9-10 (ESV)

Jesus – I Am

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am.”

Jn 8:58 (ESV)

Power and Authority

“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority; still more when you superadd the tendency of the certainty of corruption by authority.”

Lord Acton, 1887

Parable of the Vineyard

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.
²When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully.

⁵And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

Have you not read this Scripture: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”
¹² 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.

Mk 12:1-12 (ESV)

The Vineyard - Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Is 5:1-7 (ESV)

Tenant Farmers

Jesus points to the tenant farmers



*Temple
leadership*



*the chief priests
and the scribes
and the elders*

Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.

Ac 7:52-53 (ESV)

(See also Jer 25:3-7, Heb 11:32-38)

A Beloved Son

Servants were sent repeatedly...

And now... a beloved son was sent...

Jesus know that He would be killed

Owner's response: give the vineyard to others

Cornerstone

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.’

Ps 118:22-23 (ESV)

Their response?

...they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them...

Our Response (Choice)...

Recognize you have
fallen short, are guilty
of sin

Jesus:

- holds the key
- is a loving shepherd
- gave His life for His
sheep

OR

Eternal death
and separation
from all that is
good

Jesus: the stone that the builders rejected

Taxes to Caesar

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk.

¹⁴And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone’s opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?”

But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” And they marveled at him.

Mk 12:13-17 (ESV)

Render to Caesar

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's

- 1. What is it that legitimately belongs to Caesar?**
- 2. What it that legitimately belongs to God?**

The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength

Mk 12:29-30 (ESV)

The Sadducees

And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying,
¹⁹“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²²And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

²⁴Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

Mk 12:18-27 (ESV)

The Law

If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. ⁶And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

Dt 25:5-6 (ESV)

Angels

Jesus...we would be like angels in heaven

NOT: we would become angels

Now: we are ranked a little lower than the angels

(Ps 8:5, Heb 2:7)

In eternity: we will actually judge the angels (1 Cor 6:3)

Resurrection

God speaks of patriarchs in the present tense

Resurrection of Jesus

Basis for our faith

Compelling evidence

What to We Make of This?

First: recognize Jesus as YOUR redeemer

- do not let anything stand between you and Jesus

Second: do things that show us to be faithful ambassadors of a foreign King

Third: allow the resurrection of Jesus and the Word of God to inform our lives and everything about us.

Let us exalt the Name of Jesus Christ our King in everything we are and in everything we do