

Week # 28  
Mark 12:1-12  
Discussion Guide

**From Tim Keller's Study Guide**

Read 12:1-12. a) What remarkable claims is Jesus making for himself in the parable of the vineyard? b) Read I Peter 2:4-8. In verse 10 Jesus changes the metaphor from a vineyard to a building. What is he teaching us with it?

What practical implications does this parable have for us?

**From Exalting Jesus in Mark**

How does the world view Christmas? What do they think of Easter? How does Easter help Christians to properly understand Christmas?

Why did Jesus use parables as a teaching method? Why did He use a parable in this particular case?

God blessed Israel, but that nation did not honor God. Can the same be said of mankind in general? of the country you live in? of your church?

Israel killed the prophets God sent. In what way are we guilty of killing the prophets? of crucifying Christ?"

If your attempts to get people to fulfill their contractual obligations had been violently refused, what would you do? What was the logic of the father in the parable in sending his only son? What was the motivation for God to send His only Son?

What did the tenant farmers think they would gain from killing the landlord's son? What did the Jewish leaders hope to gain by killing Jesus? What did they in fact accomplish?

What do sinners think they can have and keep if they reject repentance? Why do Christians resist radical obedience? What does each of these in fact obtain, and what do they miss out on?

What do secular people say when asked about judgment and hell? What do you think is necessary for them to accept the truth? Do you know any logical arguments that might be compelling?

How did the Jewish leaders react when they lost their debate with Jesus? What persons or organizations do you know of that, when faced with the truth claims of Christianity, respond with hatred or violence?

The Sanhedrin postponed their persecution of Jesus because they feared the crowd (12:12). How does this expose faulty reasoning on their part? What should be the basis of our decision on how to respond to Jesus' demands? How might this observation be employed during evangelism?

### ***Digging deeper***

[How to Read the Bible: The Parables of Jesus \(5:42\) BibleProject](#)

[Mark 12 Explained- Audio Guide by Through the Bible \(8:38\)](#)

[GOSPEL OF MARK CHAPTER 12 \(6:04\)](#)

[#38 Who Does He Think He Is? - Chris Brown \(53:56\)](#)  
[Sermon Notes and Discussion Guide](#)

Alistair Begg

["This Is About Us!" \(36:11\)](#)