Mark Chapter 12

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

Vs. 1 Man: God

 Vineyard: Israel

 Isaiah 5

 Vinedressers: Jewish religious leaders, Pharisees

Vs. 2 Servants: Old Testament prophets

Vs. 3-5 Israel would not listen to prophets: many were killed

Vs. 6 His Son: Jesus

 Jesus tells the chief priests, scribes, and elders what was in their heart.

 Acts 8: 21-22 Why do you do what you do?

vs. 7-8 Killing the Son would bring attention back to those craving.

Vs. 9 God will destroy anyone who rejects Jesus Christ

 John 14: 6

Vs. 10 Stone builders (religious leaders of Israel) rejected

 Chief Cornerstone: Jesus is our Firm Foundation

Vs. 11 THIS IS THE LORD’S DOING AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES

 Psalms 118: 22-23

Vs.12 The leaders were convicted by Jesus’ words

The Pharisees: Super religious, followed the Torah

The Herodians: Super citizens, followed Herod

Generally, the Pharisees and Herodians were antagonistic toward each other

Vs. 13-16 Signs of a hypocrite:

 They call Him “Teacher”

 They accept each other because of a common enemy

 They can easily speak what they do not live

 They do not care which sect Jesus sides with, they just want people angry

Vs. 17 We are citizens of Heaven residing on earth.

 The coin has Caesar’s image, but man has God’s image

The Sadducees: Most were priests who did not believe in the resurrection because it is not in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament

Vs. 18-23 Ask the most extreme question to make their point

Vs. 24-27 You will never understand the complexities of life unless you

 Know the Power of God, Understand the scripture

Vs. 25 Like the angels: not an angel

 We will not have flesh and blood, but glorified bodies

 1 Corinthians 15: 50

 We will know family and friends, but we will be the Bride of Christ

vs. 26 Exodus 3: 6, 15 God of the Living

The Scribes: Teachers in the Synagogue

They taught the Old Testament and the coming of the Messiah

Vs. 28 This man is recognizing Jesus is greater than others are acknowledging

Vs. 29 The Lord our God, the Lord is one: Jesus is claiming to be God

Vs. 30-31 Greatest commandments:

 God is first. Love yourself. Love others.

Vs. 32-33 This scribe understands works for God without love for God is in vain

Vs. 34 Jesus clearly states love for God is necessary for Kingdom living

Jesus: Son of David/Lord: The Messiah

Vs. 35-37 David uses “Lord” to describe the son of David

 Psalm 110

Beware of the Scirbes

Vs. 38-40 Greater condemnation

 Jesus teaches arrogance and hurting poor will bring greater condemnation

 The Widow’s Two mites

Vs. 41-44 She gave all she had

 Jesus took authority in the temple to watch, He knows what we give

IF YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE TO GIVE, NEITHER WILL EVER HAPPEN

 Luke 6: 38