

# A Study of the GO Gospel of Mark - Part 12

## WARNING Signs

### Mark 12:1-44: 6 Lessons of Jesus

1. A lesson on judgment (vs.1-12)
2. A lesson on paying taxes (vs. 13-17)
3. A lesson on resurrection (vs. 18-27)
4. A lesson on the greatest commandment (vs.28-34)
5. A lesson on the Messiah (vs. 35-40)
6. A lesson on giving (vs. 41-44)

### Mark 12:1-12:

#### Background

- Unique chapter-teaching of Jesus(Chapters 4 & 12)
- 2 Major Parables in Mark

The Parable of the Soils (Mark 4:1-20)

The Parable of the Tenants(Mark 12:1-12)

- Tuesday morning of the Passion Week

**Mark 12:1 He then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey.**

Parable: a simple story or illustration from everyday life that conveys spiritual truth

#### WHY Parables?

- Captures peoples’ attention
- People could relate to the story
- Takes abstract concepts and makes them concrete
- People could come to their own conclusion

Isaiah 5:1-7:

### **The Parable of the Tenants: Mark 12:1-8**

- VINEYARD = People of Israel
- OWNER = GOD the Father
- TENANT FARMERS = Jewish Religious Leaders (The Sanhedrin)
- SERVANTS = Old Testament Prophets
- THE SON = Jesus Christ

**Mark 12:2** At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.

**Mark 12:3-5:** <sup>3</sup> But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

**Mark 12:6** “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’”

**Mark 12:7,8:** <sup>7</sup> “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup> So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

**Mark 12:9** What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.

**Mark 12:10** Haven’t you read this scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**Mark 12:11** the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

**Mark 12:12** Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

### **Lessons about God**

1. God takes care of & blesses His people
2. God entrusts the world to humans
3. God is patient & hangs in there when we exploit what God has entrusted
4. God will bring about justice—there is a Day of Judgment

### **Lessons about People**

1. People live self-centered lives oblivious of God and His judgment
2. People think God is an absentee landlord
3. People think they've won when in fact they will be the ultimate losers

### **Action Step 13: Warn Others**

What? John 3:16-18

Why? Love John 13:34-35

Who? Pre-Christians

How? Choose an evangelism method and Go For It!

**God's People are the WARNING SIGN for God's Judgment!**