

“A TALE OF TWO PLANS”

Mark 12:1-12

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I. What is the tale Jesus tells? (vv. 1-8)

“A man planted a vineyard ... fence... pit for the winepress... tower.”

“Leased it to tenants and went into another country”

“he sent a servant” → “they beat him & sent him away empty-handed”

“struck on the head & treated shamefully” → “some they beat, and some they killed”

“They will respect my son”

“killed him and threw him out of the vineyard”

_____ people make _____ plans.

“The tenants most basic crime was that they were acting as if they should be the owners of the vineyard. Instead of using the land for the benefit of the owner, they wanted to use it for their own selfish purposes.”
-Mike McKinley

II. What is the first plan in the tale? (vv. 9, 11)

verse 1 → Isaiah 5:2

“What will the owner of the vineyard do?”

“He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

The sinful plan: _____ the Son of Man & _____ what was His.

2 Kings 9:7
Isaiah 5:2
Jeremiah 7:24-26
Matthew 23:34-35
Acts 7:51-53
Hebrews 11:35-38

"The religious leaders are acting just like the tenants, viewing the nation of Israel as theirs rather than God's." -Mark Strauss

"They do not want to know how to inherit eternal life. Their focus is only on this world and how to ensure security in this life." -David Garland

III. So, what is the second plan in the tale? (vv. 9-11)

"Son" (ben) → Psalms 118 "stone" (eben)

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the **cornerstone**"*

God's Son-ful plan is for His _____ & our _____.

Isaiah 28:17
Matthew 21:43-44
Luke 20:18
Ephesians 2:20-22

"How do you respond to the messengers God sends? Do you welcome them, or do you seek to silence the voice of God in them?" -Sinclair Ferguson

"Jesus is the cornerstone on which people are built or broken." -Mike McKinley

BIG IDEA: Jesus reveals their sinful plan & the Father's Son-ful plan.