

The Fate of Murderous Assassins

Mark 11:27-12:12

Introductory Teaching → The LORD's love song about His vineyard

- Isaiah 5:1-7

1. God-given _____
 - a. The _____ challenge to Jesus
 - i. In what _____ do you do these things?
 - ii. _____ gave this authority to you?
 - iii. Recall: Jesus _____ as one with authority
 - b. The _____ of Jesus with a question
 - i. _____ of John's baptism (ministry)
 - ii. _____ gives them the answer
2. God-given _____
 - a. Careful _____
 - i. Fence - _____
 - ii. Winepress - _____
 - iii. Tower - _____ and _____
 - b. Contract with _____
 - i. _____ relationship
 - ii. _____ relationship
 - c. _____ attempts to gather fruit
 - i. Destroyed _____ (Isaiah 5)
 - ii. Replaced _____ (Mark 12)
3. God-given _____
 - a. _____ of grace – many servants/prophets
 - b. Ultimate _____
 - i. The (only) beloved _____
 - ii. The marvelous reversal of the _____
 - c. Purpose and mission of the _____ tenants

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

*He 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 only wild grapes.*

*And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.*

*What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?*

And 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.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up.*

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

*For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts 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!*

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Notes for Further Study

1. Where does Jesus' authority come from?
 - a. Read John 5:19-29. How far does this authority go?
 - b. What does Jesus deserve as part of this authority?
2. What kind of fruit should the LORD find in His people?
 - a. Read Galatians 5:16-26. What does your fruit look like? Is it 'wild grapes' or 'grapes of the LORD's harvest'?
 - b. Read 1 Corinthians 13. The fruit is not just work for the Kingdom but must be with what important ingredient?
 - c. Read James 2:14-26. Even though our works do not save us, they are evidence of our faith. Today, many "believe" without works – when you look at their lives they seem no different than the pagans around them. When others see your life, what is different?
3. Read Romans 5. Note the occurrences of the word "grace."
 - a. How important is grace when it comes to our salvation?
 - b. How important is grace when it comes to our lifestyle and walk with God?
 - c. How has God shown grace to His people throughout history? (Remember Mark 12:1-12.)