

Lent: The Last Seven Days – Mark Scene 31-33

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Mark 11:27 – 12:44

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Read and discuss Mark 11:12:25 (NIV)

And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. 2 When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. 6 He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not read this Scripture:

*“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
I I this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”*

*Where do you see yourself in this parable?

*What does it reveal about the condition of your heart and need for Jesus?

*How does it point you to Him?

Read and discuss Mark 12:29-31

29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

*What is this passage saying to you?

*How are you loving God in your life right now?

*How are you loving others in your life right now?

Jesus requires us to first confront ourselves before we confront the world around us

We can recognize in ourselves the same capacity for hypocrisy and injustice.

*Where do you see yourself beside Jesus as a disciple?

*Where do you see yourself face to face with him like a religious leader in Mark?

*Why is confronting ourselves first an important piece of our spiritual life?