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## The Gospel of Mark Mark 11:27 – 12:12 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

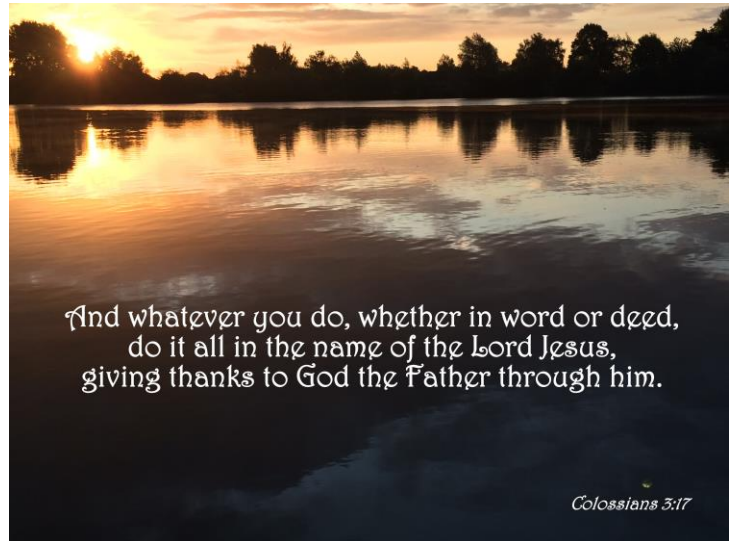
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we see a parable from Jesus as He talks to the chief priest and the teachers of the law. In the parable the land owner entrusted his farm to tenants. However, at the time of harvest the tenants refuse to honor the land owner with the fruit that was produced on his land. As we study this passage we will look at what God has entrusted to us and how we can honor Him with all that we have.



## Mark 11:27-12:12 New English Translation

### The Authority of Jesus

<sup>27</sup> They came again to Jerusalem. While Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders came up to him <sup>28</sup> and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: <sup>30</sup> John’s baptism— was it from heaven or from people? Answer me.” <sup>31</sup> They discussed with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ <sup>32</sup> But if we say, ‘From people—’” (they feared the crowd, for they all considered John to be truly a prophet). <sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

### The Parable of the Tenants

**12** Then he began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a pit for its winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went on a journey. <sup>2</sup> At harvest

time he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his portion of the crop. <sup>3</sup> But those tenants seized his slave, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> So he sent another slave to them again. This one they struck on the head and treated outrageously. <sup>5</sup> He sent another, and that one they killed. This happened to many others, some of whom were beaten, others killed. <sup>6</sup> He had one left, his one dear son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup> But those 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 seized him, killed him, and threw his body out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this scripture:

*‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

<sup>11</sup> *This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”*

<sup>12</sup> Now they wanted to arrest him (but they feared the crowd), because they realized that he told this parable against them. So they left him and went away.

## 🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Is there anything repeated?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is emphasized?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Why did Jesus ask about John's baptism?

9. Why didn't Jesus want to tell the Jewish leaders the source of his authority?

10. What is the purpose of the parable Jesus tells?

11. Who is the cornerstone? What Old Testament passage is this from?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

12. What has God entrusted to you that you should be using for Him?

13. What does it look like for you to bear fruit?

14. What spiritual gifts has God given you? Help others in the group see their spiritual gifts and how they can use them.

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

**SERMON NOTES**