

The Cornerstone Rejected
Mark 12:1-12
January 16, 2022

1. Israel's leaders' rejection of God's servants and His Son (1-8)

2. The impending judgment of the leaders and vindication of the Son (9-11)

3. The hostility of unbelief (12)

Next week: Mark 12:13-17

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is a vineyard? In Jesus' parable, whom does the vineyard represent?
3. What is shocking in the parable?
4. What does Jesus foretell that Israel's leaders will do?
5. What was prophesied in the verses from Psalm 118 that Jesus quotes?
6. How should Israel's leaders have responded to Jesus' words? How did they actually do so? What would be the result?
7. Does hearing the word of Christ leave people the same? What are the two possible changes that will happen when a person repeatedly hears the word of Christ?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What does this parable teach about God? How are we different?
3. What did this parable effectively communicate to Israel's leaders?
4. How did the rejection of Christ enable Him to become the cornerstone?
5. Who succeeds in this parable? Explain.
6. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage this week?