

**Sermon Series:**        **The Gospel of Mark**  
**Sermon Title:**        **The Terror of the Tenants**  
**Sermon Text:**        **Mark 12:1-12**

*2 tragedies*

Parallel versions in Mt 21:33-46; Lk 20:9-19

<b>I.</b>	<b>THE WICKED VICIOUSNESS OF THE TENANTS</b>	<b>1-6</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>THEIR FAR-REACHING RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>1</b>
	1.     A Reaffirmation of Their Honor	
	2.     A Recollection of Their History	
Isa 5:1-7; etc.		
<b>B.</b>	<b>THEIR FORESEEABLE REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>THEIR FIERCE RUTHLESSNESS</b>	<b>3-5</b>
Defiant rebels against the rightful, righteous owner.		
	1.     Their Regular Practice	
	2.     Their Relentless Pattern	
<b>D.</b>	<b>THEIR FINAL RECKONING</b>	<b>6</b>
A <i>non sequitur</i> , according to human wisdom. Strange reasoning! The inscrutability of divine love, patience, grace, etc. Several contrasts:		
	1.     Appeal to Loyalty vs Appeal to Law	
	2.     Appeal to Conscientiousness vs Appeal to Compassion	
	3.     Hireling vs Heir	

4. Several vs Singular

5. Forerunner vs Finality

4, 5 – echoes Heb 1: 1, 2.

**II. THE WORSENING VENGEANCE OF THE TENANTS 7-12**

**A. THEIR CONSUMMATE REJECTION 7, 8**

1. Their Foolish Belief

See Gen 37:20. From produce to property

2. Their Foulest Brutality

Mt 23:34-35; etc.

**B. THEIR CAPSIZED REASONING 9**

A rhetorical question. Their reasoning is overturned, discredited, disproved. An affirmation of Gentiles into the kingdom, Mk 7:24-8:10; 11:15-19.

**C. THEIR CONDEMNING REVERSAL 10, 11**

1. The Providence That Guarantees It

Ps 118:22, 23; recall its context. Marvelous..... = Grants purpose in history will never be thwarted, stopped by their rulers rebelling against him. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was the means by which God establishes his ultimate purpose in redemptive history to the glory of his Name. His restoration of the Stone rejected by the leaders after the position of Cornerstone of his Kingdom as sovereign King of King and Lord of lords

2. The Process That Underscores It

The process of Jesus' recapitulation as the new, faithful Israel, and last Adam who fulfills in his Person, sinless life, and substitutionary atoning sacrifice for sin, all that Adam and Israel, God's firstborn son, Ex 4:22, failed to do. The condemning as well as consummate reversal.

**D. THEIR COWARDLY RETREAT 12**

1. Their Instructed Depravity

Contra Mk 4:11, 12.

2. Their Immediate Departure