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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



What's Your Story?

Mark 11:1-27-12:12

Overview

- **Creation**
 - God created the “vineyard” (Mark 12.1)
 - He dug the trenches, He put up the fence, He put up the tower, and He
 - placed us as tenants in the vineyard to live and act and move that we might
 - return the fruits to Him
 - His creation is ordered in such a way as to be lived out in the way
 - He wants us to, not the way we want to
 - It is HIS vineyard, HIS world, HIS order
 - We must shift to Him as He is the authority

- **Rebellion**
 - The leaders of Israel and by extension, we, rebelled against the authority of Christ
 - The leaders try and put Jesus on the dock and question His authority
 - Mark 11.27-33
 - Jesus does not let you treat Him that way because He is authority
 - Parable of the Tenants shows how the leaders, and we have rebelled against God
 - He is the owner, we have tried to keep the fruits for ourselves
 - We have tried to take the inheritance from God
 - We have tried to be like Adam and Eve and be like God
 - We, like the leaders of Israel have rejected God’s messengers, His word
 - All those who do not sit under the authority of God, His Son, will be destroyed/judged
 - Mark 12.9

- **Redemption**
 - God, in His kindness, mercy, and grace, still sent His “Beloved Son” (Mk 12.6)
 - This son was the stone that the builders (leaders) rejected (Mk 12.10)
 - God uses it to receive the punishment due us, the tenants
 - All those who trust the work of the Beloved son have the vineyard transferred to them (Mk. 12.9b)

- **Restoration**
 - That stone that was rejected will be the “capstone” the finished work of the originally good creation
 - He will complete the good work and make all things new
 - All those in Him will get to inherit that vineyard, that “new heavens, new earth”

Questions

Discussion Starter: What are some of the main questions that every religion tries to answer? (i.e. Where did we come from? What went wrong? What's the solution? What does the future hold?)

Transition: In this passage we see how Christianity answers each of the main questions every religion is answering

1. Discuss how “God has created the vineyard” in our world. What are some things that indicate God is the “owner” the creator and we are the tenants?
2. If He is the creator/owner and we are the tenants how should we live in accordance with His authority in the world? Discuss practically what that looks like.
3. In verse 4-5 we see the tenant repeatedly rebelling against the Creator. How do we rebel against His authority in the day to day?
4. What does it say about a God that would send His Beloved Son to rebellious tenants? Describe some attributes of that type of God
5. If God has acted this way towards us in sending the “stone” that was knowingly rejected yet moved in the process by God Himself, how might that inform your life and our lives as a body of believers in Restoration Church?
6. What should the body of Restoration Church picture today if creation will be restored “tomorrow?”
7. Where are you living in the authority of the people like the leaders of Israel (Mk 11.32 & 12.12) and not under the authority of the Son?