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**Mark**



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### Isaiah 5:1-2 *niv*

I will sing for the one I love

a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.



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*Isaiah 5:7 niv*

The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.



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### Mark 12:7-9 *niv*

“But the 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 took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

<sup>9</sup> “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”



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**Mark 12:10-11 *niv***

“Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>11</sup>the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”



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### Mark 12:12 *niv*

Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.



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**Mark 12:13-15a *niv***

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. <sup>14</sup> They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”





### Mark 12:15b-17 *niv*

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”<sup>16</sup> They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And they were amazed at him.



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**Mark 12:18-20 *niv***

Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>19</sup> “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children.”



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**Mark 12:21-23 *niv***

“The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup> In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup> At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”



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**Mark 12:24-27 *niv***

Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup> When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”



## Mark 12:10-11 *niv*

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## Revelation 2:4-5 *niv*

“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

<sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen!

Repent and do the things you did at first.

If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”





*The church belongs to  
Jesus, and he alone has  
the right to rule.*

