

▼ **Jesus' Authority & God's Vineyard**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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▼ **Thoughts**

▼ **Video**

- [Chase: We Talkin' Bout Cashbacking | Chase Freedom Unlimited](#) - YouTube (00:00:30)
- [Talking About Making Disciples](#) - YouTube (00:00:25)

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- The apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
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So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

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When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

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“The stone the builders rejected  
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Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

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Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

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When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

- Mark 12:1-12

Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

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- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 118 7:22-24
- Isaiah 8:14-15

## ▼ God's Vineyard

### ▼ Narrative - Luke 20:9-19

- Jesus tells another parable.
- A man plants a vineyard and rents it to farmers and goes away.
- While he's away, he sends servants on 3 occasions to collect some of the fruit.
- Each time, the tenants beat the servants and send them way empty-handed.
- Finally, the owner sends his son whom the tenants kill in hope of taking over the vineyard.
- Jesus raises the issue of how the owner will respond to the actions of the tenants.
- He points out that the owner will kill the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

### ▼ Observations / Background

#### ▼ The metaphor of the vineyard would evoke Isaiah 5 to Jesus' listeners.

- Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
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.  
“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?  
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what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,

and it will be trampled.  
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and briars and thorns will grow there.  
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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.

- Israel is God’s vineyard but, by rejecting God’s Son, they bring judgment on themselves.

▼ Israel’s rejection of Jesus evokes Psalm 118 and Isaiah 8.

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He will be a holy place;  
for both Israel and Judah he will be  
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a trap and a snare.  
Many of them will stumble;  
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▼ Lessons

- Jesus, once again, demonstrates a clear sense of his identity and calling.
- Jesus confronts the leaders with the implications of their rejection of him.
- What’s our relationship to the vineyard? Are we tenants or sons and daughters?
- Are we producing the fruit that the Lord expects from us?

► **Discussions, Q&A**



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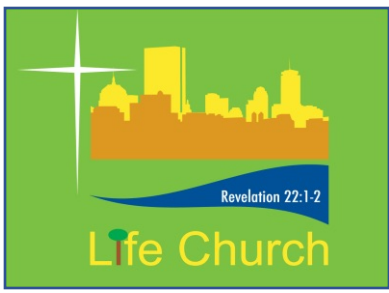
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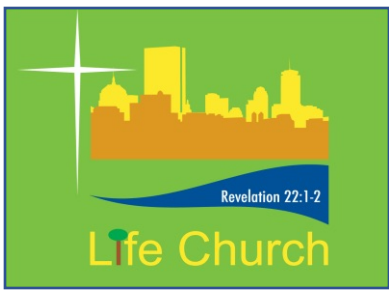


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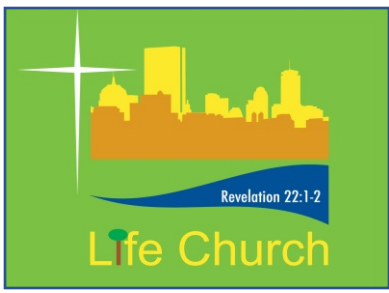
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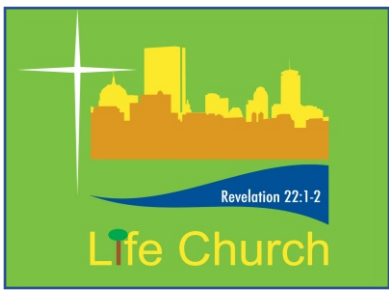
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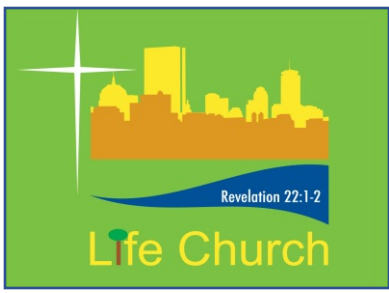
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“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.



# Mark 12:1-12 (NIV) 1 of 2



Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

“He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

“But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.



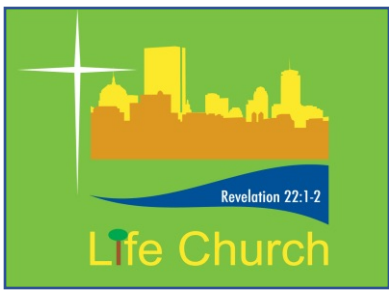
# Mark 12:1-12 (NIV) 2 of 2



Haven't you read this passage of Scripture:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’ ?”

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.



# Narrative – Luke 20:9-19



- Jesus tells another parable.
- A man plants a vineyard and rents it to farmers and goes away.
- While he's away, he sends servants on 3 occasions to collect some of the fruit.
- Each time, the tenants beat the servants and send them way empty-handed.
- Finally, the owner sends his son whom the tenants kill in hope of taking over the vineyard.
- Jesus raises the issue of how the owner will respond to the actions of the tenants.
- He points out that the owner will kill the tenants and give the vineyard to others.



# Observations / Background

- The metaphor of the vineyard would evoke Isaiah 5 to Jesus' listeners.



# Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV) 1 of 3



I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
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.



## Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV) 2 of 3



“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?  
When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?  
Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.



## Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV) 3 of 3



I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.”

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.



# Observations / Background



- The metaphor of the vineyard would evoke Isaiah 5 to Jesus' listeners.
- Israel is God's vineyard but, by rejecting God's Son, they bring judgment on themselves.
- Israel's rejection of Jesus evokes Psalm 118 and Isaiah 8.



# Psalm 118:22-24 (NIV) 1 of 2



The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.



## Isaiah 8:14-15 (NIV)



He will be a holy place;  
for both Israel and Judah he will be  
a stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.  
And for the people of Jerusalem he will be  
a trap and a snare.  
Many of them will stumble;  
they will fall and be broken,  
they will be snared and captured.”



# Lessons

- Jesus, once again, demonstrates a clear sense of his identity and calling.
- Jesus confronts the leaders with the implications of their rejection of him.
- What's our relationship to the vineyard? Are we tenants or sons and daughters?
- Are we producing the fruit that the Lord expects from us?



# Q&A / Discussion





# Announcements



Visitor Page

- Sunday Service (Communion) October 5, 2025
- Sunday Connection October 5, 2025 12n - 2pm
- Men's Bible Study Wed (10/8) 7pm - 8:30pm - via Zoom
- Sunday Service October 12, 2025
- Men's Bible Study Wed (10/15) 7pm - 8:30pm - via Zoom
- Sunday Service October 19, 2025
- Men's Bible Study Wed (10/22) 7pm - 8:30pm - via Zoom



# Q&A / Discussion





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