**JESUS, THE CORNERSTONE**

Mark 11:27–12:12

Key Verse 12:10-11

*“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”?’”*

1. Read verses 27-28. What was Jesus doing in the temple now (Refer to Lk 19:47-48)? How did the chief priests, teachers of the law and the elders challenge him? What do “these things” mean?
2. Read verses 29-33. Why did Jesus ask them about John’s baptism? Why was Jesus’ question hard for them to answer? How did they answer?
3. Read 12:1. In Jesus’ parable, how did the owner prepare his vineyard? Then, what did he do? How did his preparation reveal his hopes and expectations for his vineyard (Compare to Isa 5:1-7)? Whom do the owner and the farmers represent? What does renting the vineyard imply about our relationship with God (Ge 2:8-25)?
4. Read verses 2-5. What was the owner’s purpose in sending a servant to the tenants? How did they respond and what does this reveal about them? Whom do the servants represent? What does this teach us about God’s patience and human beings’ wickedness?
5. Read verses 6-8. Whom did the owner send last? What was his hope? What fatal sin did the tenants finally commit and why? Whom does the son represent? What does sending his Son tell us about God’s love and hope for his people (6; Jn 3:16)?
6. Read verses 9-12. What will the owner of the vineyard do? In quoting Psalm 118:22-23, what did Jesus teach about himself (Ac 4:10-11)? What does it mean to us (1Pe 2:7-8)? What can we learn about God, who is working in a marvelous way? How did the religious leaders respond (12)?