

A Walk to the Cross
The Story
Mark 12:1-12

Question: Will the patience God has shown thus far go on forever?

I. A Parable of Tenant Farmers and the Owner of a Vineyard (1-2)

II. Many Servants Sent are Abused and Killed (3-5)

III. The Beloved Son is Killed (6-8)

IV. The Lessons to be Drawn (9-12)

- A. Things will not go on as they always have - judgement is coming
- B. What has been rejected is far more important than they thought

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...”
(II Pet. 3:9-10a)

Point to Ponder: We may say: this has no relevance; for I have not rejected the beloved son and I await His return. Yet the sameness of this fallen world can subtly shape our lives. Where do the actions and priorities of our life betray our sound theology? When does our life fail to reflect our knowledge of the end?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we will consider each week. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God’s Word.

Next Week: Next week we will continue our Lenten sermon series entitled *A Walk to the Cross* by looking at **Mark 14:12-25 The Feast**

