**The Parable of the Tenants**

Mark 11:27-12:12

Key Verse: 12:1b “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 went away on a journey.”

1. Why did the chief priests, teachers of the law and the elders question Jesus’ authority? (27-28) Why did Jesus ask them about John’s baptism? (29-33)

2. How is this parable related to Jesus’ conversation with the religious leaders? (12:12) In this parable, who does the owner represent? Who do the servants represent? Who do the tenants represent? (12:1)

3. At harvest time, when the owner sent a servant to get some of the fruit, what happened? (12:2-3) Why did the tenants act like this?

4. Who did the owner send last? What does this teach about God’s love and patience? Who does the son represent? (12:4-8)

5. What will the owner of the vineyard do? What was Jesus teaching by quoting Psalm 118:22,23? In what respect is Jesus like the rejected stone? (Acts 4:10,11; 1Peter 2:4-7)