



March 3, 2024, Parable of the Tenants

Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]

[Taxes to Caesar]

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Gracious God, you created all that is, and everything is indelibly stamped with your holy signature. Make us to be careful stewards of all you entrust to us, that we might return it to you joyfully, knowing we have done our best to care for and keep it out of love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'"* Mark 12:10-11



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus' authority is challenged. In response, Jesus tells his challengers a story about a vineyard and uses a common coin to issue a challenge of his own.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Think of a time when truth tellers were silenced. What lengths did authorities go to so silence them? When was the truth revealed? How did the revelation affect the community?
- Are you ever afraid to share truth? Why? How do you find courage to speak the truth?
- For the littles: How do you take care of your toys?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God embolden you to make choices that benefit creation even when they aren't what is easy or popular. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a letter to your representatives asking them to work towards better care for creation, whether it's pollution laws, research on renewable energy, or creating incentives for recycling.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 86:8-13, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Mark 12:13-17, *Taxes to Caesar*

Wednesday, Mark 12:18-27, *The Question about the Resurrection*

Thursday, Isaiah 5:1-7, *The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard*

Friday, Psalm 121, *Psalm*

Saturday, Hebrews 1:1-4, *God Has Spoken by His Son*