The Parable Of The Vineyard

Mark 12:1-12

Intro. A. Jesus walked in the Temple at Jerusalem.
   1. The chief priests, scribes and elders questioned Him.
   2. "By what authority does thou these things"?
   3. "Who gave thee this authority to do these things"?
   4. What were, "these things"?

B. The "things" Jesus did. "Touta = "those things here"
   1. "Looked round about upon all things".
   2. "Cast out them that sold and bought".
   3. "Overthrew the tables of the moneychangers".
   4. "(overthrew) the seats of them that sold doves".

C. Jesus taught them.
   Vs. 17 1. "And he taught, saying unto them..."
   2. He applied scripture to them.

Luke 17:3-5
3. He taught them about faith.
4. He taught them about forgiveness.
5. He challenged them about John - Baptist.

I. The Parable Of The Vineyard.

A. This was a familiar figure of speech.
   1. Psalm 80:8-19, Jer. 2:21
   2. Isa. 5:1-7, Matt. 21:43-44

B. The founding of the Vineyard.
   Vs. 1
   1. "plant" = Guteuω "to set out"
   2. "hedge" = Gpaymοs = a shutting up, fencing in,
The use of available material, stones, thorns, thick-growing, plants to protect an area from intruders.
   3. "winevat" = Upoλυνων = the under vat
II. The Application Of The Parable.

A. The scriptures reveal the truth.
Vs. 10
1. Refers to building the first temple.

B. The chief priests, scribes, and elders knew that Jesus spoke of them.
Vs. 12
1. They sought to arrest Him.
2. Again, their fear influenced them.
3. They left Him.

III. The Principles We May Learn.

A. Their application to this church.
1. God has bought us with His blood.
2. He has given us commission and authority.
3. He brought us to this place.
4. He has hedged us about.
5. We are His husbandmen.
6. He has a right to receive His fruit.

B. What is the fruit He expects?
1. It is spiritual fruit!
John 15:1-8.2. "I am the vine, ye are the branches."
3. The fruit of the Spirit is: Gal. 5:22.
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

C. The church can bear fruit only as each member bears it.
1. The fruit of the church is the fruit of its people.