

With what shall I come to the LORD  
And bow myself before the God on high?  
Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,  
With yearling calves?  
Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams,  
In ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I present my first-born for my rebellious acts,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has told you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justice, to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

- Micah 6:6-8, NAS

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,  
Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."

- Psalm 110:1, NAS

# “Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 12:1-12:44

*But regarding the fact that the dead rise again,  
have you not read in the book of Moses,  
in the passage about the burning bush,  
how God spoke to him, saying,  
“I am the God of Abraham,  
and the God of Isaac,  
and the God of Jacob?”*

*He is not the God of the dead, but of the living;  
you are greatly mistaken.*

*Mark 12:26-27, NAS*

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## The Words

**Parable** - παραβολή - a rhetorical figure of speech, setting one thing beside another to form a comparison or illustration; (1) in the Gospels: *parable, illustration* (Matthew 13:3); (2) in Hebrews, a prophetic element: *symbol, type, figure* (Hebrews 9:9).

**Vineyard** - ἀμπελών - a piece of land where grapevines are cultivated. The vineyard was recognized as a symbol of Israel itself, as the covenant people, and the members of the Sanhedrin and the better-taught among the crowd could not miss the symbolism.

**Slave** - δοῦλος - one who is a slave in the sense of becoming the property of an owner. This is a transparent reference to the prophets as the servants of God.

**Pharisee** - Φαρισαῖος - a member or follower of the sect of the Pharisees, an organized society of Jews who claimed authority in interpreting the Scriptures and setting rules for law observance in daily life; from the Hebrew: *one who is set apart, a separatist*. These were the ritualists of their day.

**Herodians** - Ἡρωδιανοί - supporters of Herod the Great and his dynasty. This was the political group aligned with the hated Romans, who were then in power.

**Sadducee** - Σαδδουκαῖος - member of a Jewish religious and political party in Jerusalem consisting largely of priests claiming descent from the Davidic high priest Zadok, along with their supporters. These were the rationalists of their day, who largely denied the resurrection, the existence of angels and other spirits, and such.

**Denarius** - δηνάριον - a Roman silver coin equivalent to a workman's average daily wage.

**Scribe** - γραμματεὺς - one skilled in Jewish law and theology: *scribe, expert, scholar*. These were the authorized religious teachers at this time. Apparently they tended to be proud of their station in life, and rather ostentatious in their behavior. These were the academics of their day.

## The Quotations

Let me sing now for my well-beloved  
A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.  
My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.  
And He dug it all around, removed its stones,  
And planted it with the choicest vine.  
And He built a tower in the middle of it,  
And hewed out a wine vat in it;  
Then He expected it to produce good grapes,  
But it produced only worthless ones.

- Isaiah 5:1-2, NAS

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief corner stone.  
This is the LORD'S doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

- Psalm 118:22-23, NAS

When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

- Deuteronomy 25:5, NAS

He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

- Exodus 3:6, NAS

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5, NAS