

The Parable of the Tenants & Paying Taxes to Caesar Mark 12:1–17

1. Here Jesus is teaching using parables, designed to aid memory, and he speaks about a common feature of life then and now as well, in regard to farming.
2. The “tenants” who were managing the crops wanted all the produce for themselves, and thus they treated the servants of the owner of the property cruelly, even murderously.
3. Over and over the owner attempted to set things right, but it was not working. Finally, he sent his son to them, and they actually murdered him. And then, what would be the result?
4. The owner would surely come and “destroy” the tenants and give the land to others. This is an obvious event that would happen to Israel whose leaders would do the same, crucifying Jesus.
5. The hearers understand that the parable Jesus is speaking is about and against them. So, they retire.
6. Then the account about paying taxes to Caesar, meaning Rome, which was required by all those under Rome’s authority, as was Israel at that point.
7. Some members of the Pharisee party along with “Herodians,” meaning those who were subservient to Herod the Great and his descendants, and who were allowed by Rome to exercise authority over the Jews, attempt to “trap” Him about paying taxes to Rome—either Jesus would be rebelling against Rome or against His own people.
8. After false statements of approval from His opponents, He asks them whether it is proper to pay taxes to Rome. Jesus then asks for a denarius, a coin worth a day’s wages, and on the coin is the portrait of Caesar, likely Tiberius Caesar.
9. Jesus then says pay Caesar what is Caesar’s and pay God what is due to God. Neither of which they do.

Notes:

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Congregation:** And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: This Lord's Day is different from the other six days--

People: **Because we are gathered together to wait upon God.**

Leader: He is in our midst as He promised.

People: **He will speak to us through His Word.**

Leader: We will seek Him while He may be found.

People: **We praise the God of our salvation.**

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day:

O GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SON WHO CHOSE THE PATH OF SUFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. HUMBLE US BY HIS EXAMPLE, POINT US TO THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE, AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO FOLLOW HIS COMMANDS; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:11–16; Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 118:19–24; Acts 4:1–12; 1 Peter 2:1–5.

Memory Verse: This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. (Acts 4:11)

Reflection: Nothing has changed from that day to this.

Choruses: “His Banner Over Me Is Love” & “I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Giving: a song of praise.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements:

Birthdays, Bible study Friday evenings, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator, and **big yard sale September 29th** after service (start bringing stuff first week in Sept).

Bible Exposition: John 6:35–51 (Rebeka Etuku)

Hymn: #790 We Gather Together

The Sermon: **The Parable of the Tenants & Paying Taxes to Caesar**
Mark 12:1–17 (Kent preaching)

Receiving Jesus in the Bread and the Cup:

The Confessional: “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

The Jesus Prayer: (sung twice): “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Promise of acceptance and forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Individual, silent prayers of confession-The Lord’s Prayer

The Confirmation: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

The Assurance: “Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” Romans 8:30

Everyone is invited to Receive the Bread and the Cup

Benediction Song: “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord”, etc.

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26): May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

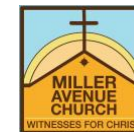
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Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store)
Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Google TV, YouTube, Cross.TV





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
- Katie Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- James Daley** – Pastor/Treasurer
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities
- Juan Carlos Garcia** – Spanish Pastor

← The denarius coin of Mark 12

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20 pm – 1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship (<i>in person</i>)	3:00 – 4:30 pm
TUESDAY	
Theology class (<i>suspended</i>)	5:50 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	6:50 – 8:30 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 – 9:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated food distribution in the Hall	10:30 – 11:30 am

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

✂ Please tear off and fill out card. Place in offering basket or give to church staff member.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other _____

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Theology

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Sep. 8:** Sermon= Mark 12:18–27 (Kent)
Expo= John 6:52–59 (Bob Burns)
- Sep. 15:** Sermon= Mark 12:28–37 (Kent)
Expo= John 6:60–65 (Ingrid)
- Sep. 22:** Sermon= Mark 12:41–31:2 (Kent)
Expo= John 6:66–71 (Katie)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule

(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM

Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM

Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$4,000
*Giving for August	\$2,745

*DOES include digital giving



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
(Romans 1:16)*

Welcome!

September 1, 2024

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"