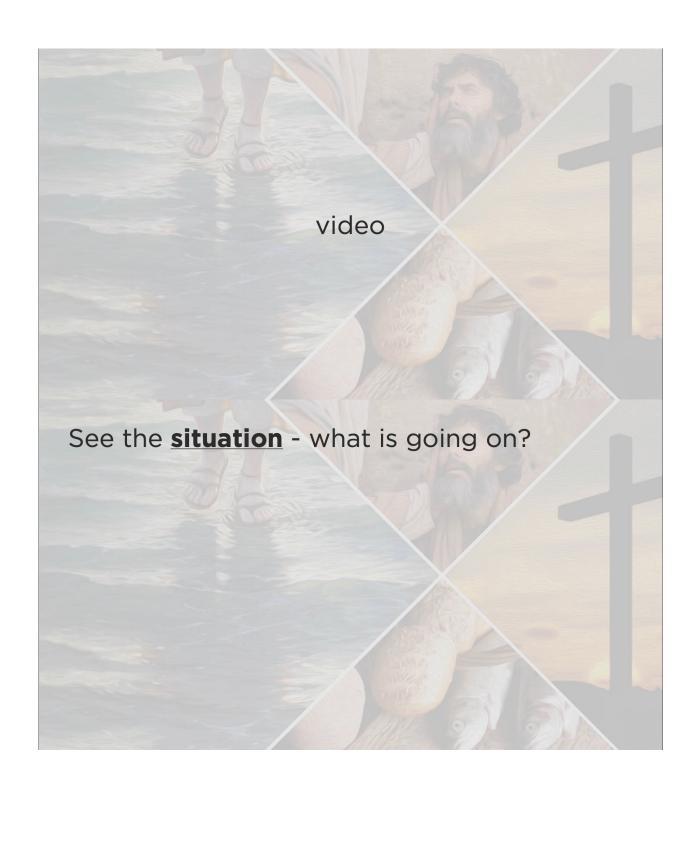


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"I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me."

Mark 11:29-30

"And they discussed it with one another saying, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say, "Why then did you not believe him?""

Mark 11:31

"But shall we say, "From man"?" — they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John was really a prophet."

Mark 11:32

"So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know." Mark 11:33 Jesus' response 2. Tells a parable

"And he began to speak to them in parables.
'A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country."

"When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. "And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully.

"And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. "He had still one other, a beloved son.

Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

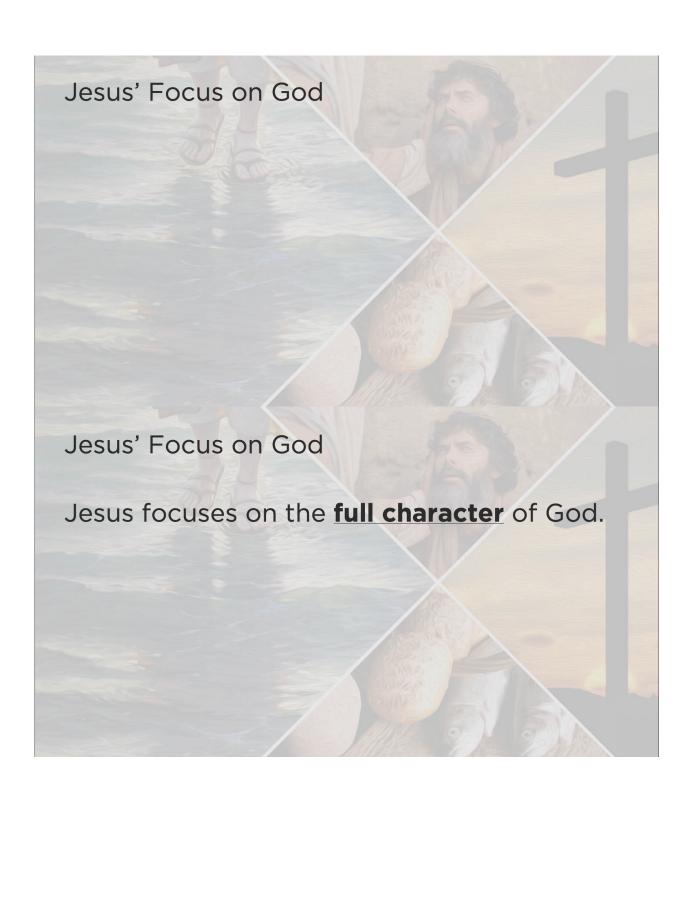
"But those tenants said to one another,
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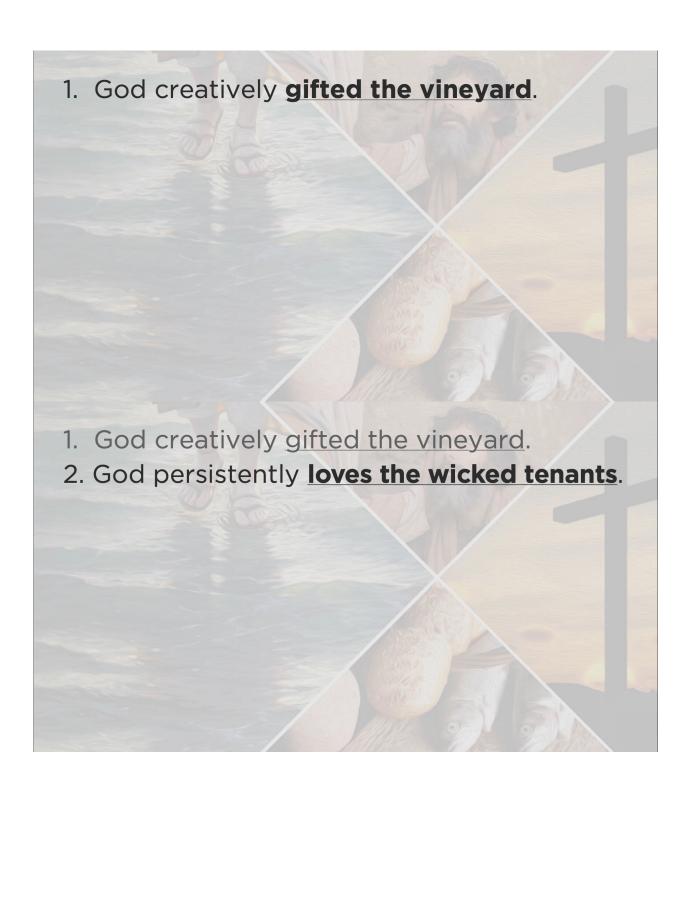
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"The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.

"The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.

"His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

"He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers.

"The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him; the world and all who dwell in it.

"Who can stand before his indignation?
Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

"But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness." Nahum 1:2-8 God will act through the rejection of his Son. "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 marvelous in our eyes'?"

Mark 12:10-11



