IMMEDIATELY EVENTUALLY

MARK 12 ~ "WORD" DUEL February 26, 2023~Pastor D R Hilken

"By whose authority are you doing these things?"
The <u>SHIFT</u> – from questions to <u>PARABLE</u>

The vineyard is <u>ISRAEL</u> Psalm 80, Isaiah 5, Jeremiah 2

The landowner is **YAHWEH**

The servants are the PROPHETS

Israel/Northern Kingdom - 0 of 19 Judah/Southern Kingdom - 8 of 20

The son is <u>JESUS</u>
The ultimate affirmation of His identity

Verse 9 - "What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others." = the CHURCH

The attempts to trap Jesus, leads to "WORD" duels

Pharisees: to whom belongs my loyalty?

Sadducees: pick a side and humiliate the Pharisees

Scribe, good one: the greatest commandment (close but no cigar)

Scribe, bad ones: use God's for exaltation of self

What have you learned? "the widow's mite" (verses 41-44) <u>FAITH</u> & thanksgiving motivated sacrificial obedience