

13. What is the main point of this parable? Did the religious leaders understand what Jesus was saying (*Matthew 21:45*)?
14. Who did the religious leaders fear (*Matthew 21:46*)? Why? Who should they have feared?

Reflection Questions: Are there areas in my life where I reject the authority of Jesus? How do I respond to His Word? How do I act as the owner of my life and not a steward of it?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

God's lovingkindness was not wearied out with the husband-men's cruelty and violence. Each step of their wickedness and obstinacy was met with renewed mercy, with fresh calls to repentance.

A. Lukyn Williams

The judgment of God is not to be taken lightly, because God is not to be taken lightly. The God who offers salvation now is the God who will judge in righteousness hereafter.

James Montgomery Boice

If I were God and the world had treated me as it treated Him, I would kick the wretched thing to pieces!

Martin Luther

God's patience is infinite. Men, like small kettles, boil quickly with wrath at the least wrong. Not so God. If God were as wrathful, the world would have been a heap of ruins long ago.

Sadhu Sundar Singh

They caught Him in the garden of Gethsemane; they cast Him out in their Council in the hall of Caiaphas, and when He was led without the gate of Jerusalem; they slew Him at Calvary.

Charles Spurgeon



Parable of the Tenants
Matthew 21:33-46

July 5, 2020

1. The Parable (33-39)

2. The Question & Answer (40-41)

3. The Explanation (42-44)

4. The Reaction (45-46)

- What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
- Read *Matthew 21:33-46*, *Mark 12:1-12*, and *Luke 20:9-18*. How does the parable differ in these accounts?
- What was the context of Jesus giving this parable? Who was it spoken to and why?
- What do the various elements of this parable represent?
Landowner —
- Read *Isaiah 5:1-7*. What do you learn about God and His vineyard here?
- What is revealed about God's character in this parable?
- Why is God so patient (*2 Peter 3:9*)?
- How did the owner of the vineyard think the tenant farmers would treat his son (*verse 37*)? How did the tenant farmers respond to the owner's son (*verses 38-39*)?
- What did God expect to receive from the people when He sent His prophets and His Son to them?
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