

Passion Week—Parable of the Sons and the Wicked Tenants (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:28–46	Mark 12:1–12	Luke 20:9–19
<p>28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’</p> <p>29 “And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he regretted it and went.</p> <p>30 “The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I <i>will</i>, sir’; but he did not go.</p> <p>31 “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.</p> <p>32 “For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing <i>this</i>, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.</p> <p>33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.</p> <p>34 “When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.</p> <p>35 “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one,</p>	<p>1 And He began to speak to them in parables:</p> <p>“A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.</p> <p>2 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.</p> <p>3 “They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.</p>	<p>9 And He began to tell the people this parable:</p> <p>“A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.</p> <p>10 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard;</p> <p>but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.</p>

<p>and killed another, and stoned a third. 36 “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.</p> <p>37 “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ 39 “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?” 41 They said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the <i>proper</i> seasons.”</p> <p>42 Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,</p>	<p>4 “Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.</p> <p>5 “And he sent another, and that one they killed;</p> <p>and <i>so with</i> many others, beating some and killing others. 6 “He had one more <i>to send</i>, a beloved son; he sent him last <i>of all</i> to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 “But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’ 8 “They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 “What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>10 “Have you not even read this Scripture:</p>	<p>11 “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty- handed. 12 “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.</p> <p>13 “The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ 14 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’ 15 “So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 “He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.”</p> <p>When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!” 17 But Jesus looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:</p>
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<p>'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'? [Ps 118:22–23] 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. 44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. 46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.</p>	<p>'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; 11 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?" 12 And they were seeking to seize Him, and <i>yet</i> they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away.</p>	<p>'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>'? 18 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." 19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.</p>
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