

Series "Behold Your King"
"The Wicked Tenants"
Matthew 21:33-46
Part-94

We will be looking at the "The Passion Week". It is the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Tuesday is called "The Day of Controversy", which extends from Matt 21 to Matt 23.

- 1. Verses 33-41 – The Vineyard**
- 2. Verses 42-44 – The Cornerstone**

1. Verses 33-41 – The Vineyard:

Context of the parables: Matt 21:23

- 1. The Two Sons – Matt 21:28-32

Matt 21:32

- 2. The Vineyard Parable – Matt 21:33-44

- 3. The Marriage Feast – Matt 22:1-14

Parable - made up of two words: "Para"- alongside and "Ballo" - to throw or cast. So, "to cast alongside of".

There was a landowner - This owner is God their Father

Isa 5:1-7

Psalm 80:8-10

and put a wall around it (Protection)

and dug a wine press in it (Provision)

and built a tower (Precaution)

Truths to Remember: The God-given privileges that are ours!

and rented it out to vine-growers (Purpose)

vine-growers were the religious leaders

Truths to Remember: The God-given abundant allocation!

Heb 12:11

Matt 21:34

a slave - this was one of the prophets.

Matt 21:35-36

Matt 23:35

Matt 21:37

Luke 20:13 my beloved son;

Matt 21:38

Heb. 1:2

Matt 21:39

Luke 13:33

Heb 13:12-13

Truths to Remember: The deception of claiming the vineyard as our own!

Matt 21:40-41

Religious leaders violated the entire law: Matt 22:37-40

Truths to Remember: The justice of the judgment of God!

2. Verses 42-44 – The Cornerstone:

Psalm 118:22-23

The stone - God is referred to as a rock or a stone - Deut. 32:4, 18, 30-31; Ps. 18:2, 31, 46

Jesus was both the foundation stone and the cornerstone – 1 Cor 3:11; Eph 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5

Jesus was a stumbling stone - Isa. 8:14-15; Rom. 9:32-33; 1 Cor. 1:23

The Second Coming - Jesus will be a smiting stone of destruction - Dan 2:34

The "builders", Jewish religious leaders - Acts 4:11

REJECTED - Literally "to reject after investigation"

Matt 21:43-44

We have two options before us:

1. Humble yourselves and receive Jesus as Savior. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces.
2. Receive Jesus as your judge when you stand before Him on the final day. Whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

Truths to Remember: God's love knows no limits!

Matt 21:45-46

Application:

1. This parable is a warning as to how open minds close! Those who had searched for truth were now closed to it!
2. Do you believe that Jesus has ultimate authority? Does He rule your life?

Matt 7:22-23

3. What great privileges God has given to us:

Are we making good use of God's privileges?

4. The terrible reckoning that God will bring to those that have not availed to those privileges.