THE KING'S FINAL WEEK

THE KING AND THE TEMPLE AUTHORITIES – PART 3 (MATTHEW 21:33-46)

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THE PARABLE:

33 "'Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it out to some tenants and went away on a journey.'" Matthew 21:33 (BSB)

34 "'When the harvest time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit.'" Matthew 21:34 (BSB)

- **THE OWNER HAS A RIGHT TO <u>BENEFIT</u> FROM HIS PROPERTY.**

- **THE TENANTS <u>BENEFIT</u> FROM THE PROPERTY BUT HAVE <u>NO</u> <u>RIGHT</u> TO <u>REFUSE</u> THE OWNER.**

35 "'But the tenants seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group. But the tenants did the same to them.'" Matthew 21:35-36 (BSB)

37 "'Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take his inheritance." 39So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.'" Matthew 21:37-39 (BSB)

THE Q&A

40 "'Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard returns, what will he do to those tenants?'" Matthew 21:40 (BSB)

41"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and will rent out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his share of the fruit at harvest time." Matthew 21:41 (BSB)

- **WHAT SHOULD THE OWNER DO? <u>PUNISH</u> AND <u>REPLACE</u>.**

THE CONNECTION

42 "Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"'" Matthew 21:42 (BSB)

5 "'Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine. 6And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'" Exodus 19:6 (BSB)

- **GOD IS GOING TO BUILD WITH A <u>REJECTED</u> <u>FOUNDATION</u>.**

43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." Matthew 21:43 (BSB)

- THE CHARACTERS/ELEMENTS OF THE PARABLE
    - VINEYARD = KINGDOM OF GOD
    - OWNER = GOD
    - SERVANTS = THE PROPHETS

34 "'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her…'"
Luke 13:34 (BSB)

    - "YOU" = WICKED TENANTS = RELIGIOUS LEADERS
    - THE STONE = THE SON = JESUS

44 "He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."
Matthew 21:44 (BSB)

- STAND ON THE FOUNDATION OR BE DESTROYED BY IT.

THE REACTION

45 "When the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they knew that Jesus was speaking about them. **46**Although they wanted to arrest Him, they were afraid of the crowds, because the people regarded Him as a prophet." Matthew 21:45-46 (BSB)

- THEY ARE LITERALLY PLANNING TO LIVE OUT THE STORY.

THE APPLICATION

- IN WHAT AREAS OF MY LIFE, AS A NEW TENANT, AM I ACTING LIKE AN OLD TENANT?
- IN WHAT WAYS IS REJECTING CHRIST COSTING ME NOW? WHAT IT WILL COST ME LATER?

BOTTOM LINE:

PRODUCE OR BE CRUSHED

NEXT STEPS

- FREE SALE
    - Scan QR Code to make wishlist purchases. Volunteer for the upcoming Free Sale.
- GIVE THANKS MEALS
    - Sign up to serve or make food at the GET Connected Hub.