

Luke 20:9-18

1. The Parable

- a. Introduction from Luke 20:1-8: The challenge: Where is Jesus Authority?
- b. The Parable
- c. Characters in the Parable
 - i. Vineyard Owner: God (Isa. 5:1–5; Ps. 80:8–13; Isa. 27:2-3; Jer. 2:21)
 - ii. Vineyard: Nation of Israel: (Ezek. 19:10–14, Hos. 10:1)
 - iii. Tenants: People of Israel and Religious Leaders (See above, Luke 20:19b and Jer 23 and Ezek 34)
 - iv. Servants: Faithful Prophets giving warning (1 Ki. 21:19; 2 Ki. 17:13–14; 2 Ch. 24:19; 36:15–16; Ne. 9:26, 29–30 Mt. 23:37, Heb. 11:35-38, Ezek. 4, Hos. 1)
 - v. Beloved Son: Christ (John 3:16, Luke 3:22, Luke 9:35, Acts 4:11-12)

2. Meaning and Implications of the Parable

- a. Judgement
 - i. Destruction of tenants (V.16, 18)
 - ii. Giving the vineyard to others (V16) (Acts 13:44-48, Acts 18:6)
- b. Christ the Cornerstone
 - i. Psalm 118:19-24
 - ii. Acts 4:11-12, Eph 2:20, 1 Pt 2:4-8, 1 Cor 3:9-16

3. Responses to Christ the Cornerstone

- a. Rejection: What do the Religious leaders do upon hearing this? (V.19-20, Isaiah 8:14–15)
- b. Replacement: One of many stones, not the cornerstone
- c. Receiving: With joy Christ as the cornerstone, the foundation of your life

Questions to dwell on:

- a. Is Christ the cornerstone of your life?
- b. Where is God being merciful to you: giving you continual chances to respond to him?
- c. Are there any aspects of my life where I am living as a wicked tenant?
- d. Are there any aspects of my life in which Jesus is not my cornerstone?