Luke's Gospel: Sent to Die Pastor Daniel Olson Text: Luke 20:9-18 September 26, 2021

Luke 20:9-15a And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

The goal of fallen humanity is to kill God.

Jesus came to die.

Luke 20:15b-18 What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Jesus is coming again.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

"When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." - Bonhoeffer

Food for Thought for the week of September 26, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

All sin comes back to a desire to be our own god. How have you seen this in your life?

In the parable, Jesus is foretelling his death as the beloved son who is sent. How does that impact you, knowing the price God was willing to pay for you?

What does Jesus mean in verse 18 when he says "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."?

What is our reasonable response, knowing that God is God, and we are not? What are the implications for the way we live our lives?

Memory Verse

Luke 20:13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'