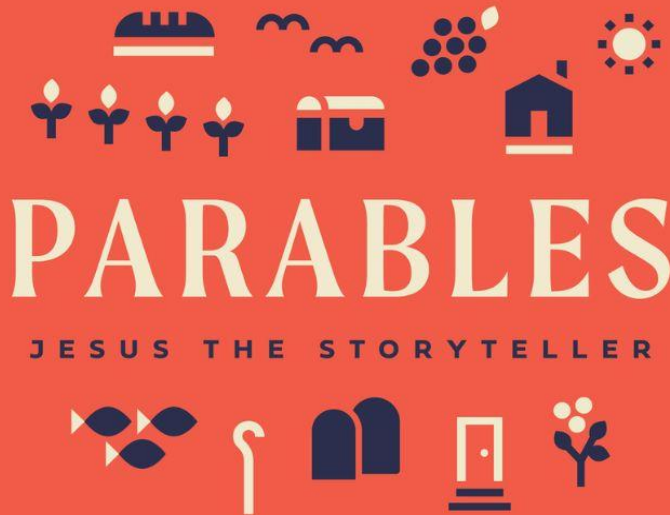


SERMON NOTES



Matthew 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: ³⁴ And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. ³⁵ And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. ³⁷ But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. ³⁸ But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. ³⁹ And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. ⁴⁰ When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? ⁴¹ They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. ⁴² Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ⁴⁴ And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

The Parable of the Vineyard: What Will You Do with the Son? | Matthew 21:33-44

This is one of the most interesting parables ever told by Christ. It is both historical and predictive.

Context is Key: In chapter 21 the **fig tree** showed that leaves/religion without fruit mean nothing. The **parable of the two sons** showed that lip-service without obedience is worthless.

1. The _____ **Itself** [vss. 33-39] This is Israel's history as God sees it.

- He entrusts His vineyard, He gives people freedom, fruit was expected, and the day of accountability came.
- But they mistreated His servants and even killed some of them. [Mat. 23:37]
- And instead of receiving and honoring the Son, they cast Him outside the vineyard and killed him.

2. The _____ **of Jesus**

A. **He Is the Head** _____. [vs. 42] This was a quotation from [Psalm 118.] The cornerstone is the first stone laid. It is the **preeminent** stone **in time**. All other stones are placed after it. The cornerstone is the supportive stone. All other stones are placed upon it and held up by it. They all rest upon it. It is the **preeminent** stone **in position and power**.

B. **God Shall** _____ **From Israel to** _____ **Nation** [vs. 43] God's new nation was to be a new creation. Just as God had created Israel to be a new nation through one man, Abraham, so God was to create another new nation through one Man, Jesus Christ.

- The land or inheritance of this new nation is not of this earth but of heaven.
- The citizens of this new nation are people from all earthly nations who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. **A Person's** _____ **of Christ Will Cause Them to Be** _____. [vs.44] Picturing Himself as the smiting stone of Daniel 2, Christ said that those who come to Him will be broken but those who reject Him will be crushed in the judgement. The day of redemption for the believer and of destruction for the unbeliever is coming.

3. The _____ **From, and** _____ **of the Parable** [vss. 45-46] Their consciences were seared by obstinate unbelief. They were insensitive to His warnings. They had heard the word, and yet again instead of repenting and heeding His warning they hardened their hearts, and were set against killing him.

- Not only does this parable teach us about ourselves but it teaches us about Jesus as well. He is the Messiah. He is the Son of God. The Heir.

God's Grace is unconditional and unlimited in scope, but not in duration. His kindness and patience is meant to lead you to repentance.