

# Parables

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### The Story of the Landowner's Vineyard... Mt.21:33-41

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**A landowner totally prepares a vineyard and rents it out to some farmers. Rent is due...**

But what happens when the landowner's servants come to collect the rent? 21:34-35

**The farmers beat one, killed another, and stoned (capitol death) another! Greed at work.**

What does the landowner do next? 21:36 and what was the result? 21:36

**The same as before. The servants were mistreated and killed. No mistake here.**

And what is the *final* gracious act of the landowner, and result? 21:37-39

**Sent his son, expecting respect! The tenants recognized the son, threw him out; killed him!**

What is the absolutely correct 'judgment' of the Jewish leaders? 21:40-41

**The landowner will rightly destroy those tenants; rent to other tenants who will pay rent.**

In rendering their indignant judgment, what had they really done? IISam.12:1-7

**They're rendering judgment on themselves! Just like David. The full truth escapes them!**

### The historic and prophetic meaning of this parable...Mt.21:42-46

After their response what Scripture does Jesus remind them of? 21:42; Ps.118:22-26 note vs.26

**Ps.118:22 points to Christ, rejected by builders (Jews), has become the Chief Cornerstone.**

How do we know that this is the correct interpretation of Scripture? Acts.4:10-12; Rom.9:23

**Peter, by the power of the Holy Spirit, testifies of this truth to Israel. Prophecy fulfilled.**

What part of Jesus' parable was 'in process' when He gave the parable? 21:1-11; 38

**The Father (landowner) sends His Son (Christ). The tenants (Israel) recognize/reject Him.**

What is about to be specifically fulfilled from 21:39? Heb.13:12-14

**Christ will be cast out of the vineyard (outside the gate) and crucified. We seek Him there.**

Who are the 'new tenants' (people who will produce its fruit)? Acts 28:23-29; Rom.11:25-32

**The new tenants are the Gentiles. The Jews (nationally) are set aside, for a time.**

Comment on 21:44. What's the difference between falling *on* the Stone and crushed *by* Him?

**Jesus was stumbling stone to Israel, tripped over Him. After resurrection, He crushes**

Comment on the level of understanding spoken of in 21:46.

**They knew He was talking about them! They didn't care! Full rejection had set in...**

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