
KINGDOM
COME

Just Before This:

Sunday - Triumphal Entry (Hosanna - Ps. 118)

Monday - Cleansed the Temple - second time

This Passage:

Wednesday - Jesus teaches parables &
Chief Priests 'challenged' His authority

Just After:

Thursday - Passover Meal - new meaning

Friday - Arrest, 'trail', crucifixion, & burial

33 “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard & put a fence around it & dug a winepress in it & built a tower & leased it to tenants & went into another country.

34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

Matthew 21:33-46

God Has Entrusted Us With His Vineyard - v. 33-34

- Isaiah 5:1–7 — The vineyard represents Israel, whom God expected to produce good fruit.
- Ps. 80:8–11 - God brought a vine out of Egypt & planted it
- Deuteronomy 8:11–18 — Israel was warned not to forget the Lord when enjoying His blessings.

- God has entrusted us with time, resources, relationships, opportunities, & spiritual gifts
- They are NOT *ultimately* ours to use however we please. They are gifts entrusted to us by the King.

Kingdom Focus: *What am I doing with what God has given me?*

35 And the tenants took his servants & beat one, killed another, & stoned another.

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him & have his inheritance.’

39 And they took him & threw him out of the vineyard & killed him.

Matthew 21:33-46

Rejecting God's Messengers Reveals a Rebellious Heart – v. 35-39

- *Jesus exposes the history of Israel's rejection of God's prophets & anticipating His own rejection & death*
- *God's patience is an expression of His mercy, but it must never be mistaken for permission to reject Him*

We cannot claim to honor God while continually rejecting His authority

We want forgiveness w/o repentance

We want Jesus as Savior w/o submitting to Him as Lord

Kingdom Focus: The question is not whether we hear God's Word, but whether we are willing to obey it.

40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?

41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death & let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, & it is marvelous in our eyes’?

Matthew 21:33-46

43 Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you & given to a people producing its fruits.
44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; & when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Matthew 21:33-46

Rejecting the Son Brings Judgment – v.40-44

- **Jesus asks the religious leaders what the owner will do when he comes to the vineyard**
- **Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22–23:** "*The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*"
  - Sidenote: "Psalm 118:25 – "*Hosanna*" – "Save us I pray"

The Kingdom belongs to the King, and He has the authority to judge those who reject His Son

The cornerstone determines the alignment of the building – Likewise, Christ must determine the direction of our lives.

Kingdom Focus: It is not whether Jesus fits into our lives. It is whether our lives are being built around Jesus.

45 When the chief priests & the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them.

46 And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

Matthew 21:33-46

Hearing the Truth Is Not the Same as Surrendering to It – v.45-46

- They understood that Jesus was exposing their rejection of God's authority & His messengers - But rather than repent, they wanted to arrest Him.

We can listen to sermons, study Scripture, discuss theology, & understand biblical Truth but be unwilling to let God change us

Kingdom Focus: We can recognize our sin without repenting of it. We can understand what obedience requires without taking the next step. We can be familiar with Jesus without surrendering to Him

HOW DO I DO THIS?

Before YOU LOOK OUTSIDE ... YOU LOOK INSIDE!

HEAD — Recognize the King

Jesus is the Son & the cornerstone. He has the authority over my life.

HEART — Examine My Response

Am I receiving God's Word with humility or resisting it to protect my own desires?

HANDS — Produce Kingdom Fruit

What has God entrusted to me, & what step of obedience will I take this week?

