



"Jesus Warns Wicked Tenants"

Luke 20:9-18

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Do you have any experience in agriculture? Maybe on a farm, or maybe in your backyard garden? What kinds of crops have you grown? What was it like? How much work did it require?

QUICK REVIEW

The early Galilean ministry is long concluded. Jesus and His disciples have finished the trek from Galilee in northern Israel down to Jerusalem in the south. Jesus has entered the city. It's the final week of the life of Christ, and Jesus is teaching and preaching in the temple courts. The Jewish authorities are plotting the death of Jesus, and the Lord presents their actions in the context of Israel's history. He does so by means of the "The Parable of the Wicked Tenants." This parable continues the imagery of Israel as God's vineyard, and also provides an amazing picture of God the Father in His posture toward the entire human race.

Read Luke 20:9-19

Three (Yea Four) Attributes of God:

1. The _____ of God (Luke 20:9).
2. The _____ of God (Luke 20:10-13).
3. The _____ of God (Luke 20:14-16a).
4. The _____ of God (Luke 20:13; John 3:16-18)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In this parable, Jesus continues the historic symbolism of the vineyard as a picture of Israel. Jesus would have even more to say about grapevines and fruitfulness in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. Read John 15:1-8. According to this passage, what leads to fruitfulness in the Christian life?
2. In view of question 1, describe your devotional life and relationship with Christ. How are you abiding in Christ? How do you practice the spiritual disciplines for intimacy with God? What's your level of satisfaction in how it's going?
3. God's goodness is seen in the many ways He provided for the nation of Israel. In Psalm 23:6, David understood that God's goodness and mercy followed him every day of his life at the personal level. In what ways is God's goodness and faithfulness following you? How is God providing for your fruitfulness as a Christian? What "means" has He been using to get your attention and provide for your growth?
4. Read Acts 14:44-49. Something similar is being communicated in Luke 20. Jesus is not willing to "cast his pearls before the swine" of Jerusalem's corrupt leadership. Is there ever a time to draw back from people who mistreat us? How can we discern that time?
5. In Luke 20:16, Jesus alludes to the destruction of Israel and the transfer of God's ministry to others. Who are the others? Does this mean that God's relationship with Israel is permanently terminated? Read Romans 11:1-36. What conclusion did Paul present?