

WHO IS THIS MAN?

EXPOSED AND EXPELLED

Mark 12:1-12 Jeff Schreve

And He began to tell the people this parable Luke 20:9

What do we learn from the sobering parable of the landowner?

1. God planted a vineyard called Israel.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Isaiah 5:7a

A. It was created to be a choice vineyard.

"A man PLANTED A VINEYARD, AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey." Mark 12:1

B. It was created to be a fruitful vineyard.

Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress. Isaiah 5:7b

2. God sent servants to His vineyard called prophets.

"And at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers." Mark 12:2

• They were abused, mistreated, and killed.

And the LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

3. God sent to His vineyard His beloved Son.

"He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'" Mark 12:6

A. The patience and mercy of the Lord is great.

B. The wickedness and brutality of man is great.

"But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!' And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard." Mark 12:7-8

4. God will come to His vineyard in judgment.

"What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others." Mark 12:9

A. The judgment of God will rightfully fall.

*"Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?" They *said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons." Matthew 21:13-14*

B. The identity of Jesus was clearly displayed.

"Have you not even read this Scripture: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?" Mark 12:10-11

"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it. And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. Matthew 21:43-45

You can fall on the stone, or the stone will fall on you.