

Parable of the vine growers

Matthew 21:33-46	Mark 12:1-12	Luke 20:9-19
<p>(33) “Hear another parable. There was a man who was a master of a household, who planted a vineyard, set a hedge about it, dug a winepress in it, built a tower, leased it out to farmers, and went into another country.</p> <p>(34) When the season for the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the farmers, to receive his fruit.</p> <p>(35) The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned another.</p> <p>(36) Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they treated them the same way.</p> <p>(37) But afterward he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’</p> <p>(38) But the farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and seize his inheritance.’</p> <p>(39) So they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.</p> <p>(40) When therefore the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?”</p> <p>(41) They told him, “He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will lease out the vineyard to other farmers, who will give him the fruit in its season.”</p> <p>(42) Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner. This was from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes?’</p> <p>(43) “Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and will be given to a nation bringing forth its fruit.</p> <p>(44) He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it will fall, it will scatter him as dust.”</p> <p>(45) When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke about them.</p> <p>(46) When they sought to seize him, they feared the multitudes, because they considered him to be a prophet.</p>	<p>(1) He began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the winepress, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went into another country.</p> <p>(2) When it was time, he sent a servant to the farmer to get from the farmer his share of the fruit of the vineyard.</p> <p>(3) They took him, beat him, and sent him away empty.</p> <p>(4) Again, he sent another servant to them; and they threw stones at him, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.</p> <p>(5) Again he sent another; and they killed him; and many others, beating some, and killing some.</p> <p>(6) Therefore still having one, his beloved son, he sent him last to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’</p> <p>(7) But those farmers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’</p> <p>(8) They took him, killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.</p> <p>(9) What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>(10) Haven’t you even read this Scripture: ‘The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner.</p> <p>(11) This was from the Lord, it is marvelous in our eyes?’”</p> <p>(12) They tried to seize him, but they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. They left him, and went away.</p>	<p>(9) He began to tell the people this parable. “A man planted a vineyard, and rented it out to some farmers, and went into another country for a long time.</p> <p>(10) At the proper season, he sent a servant to the farmers to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him, and sent him away empty.</p> <p>(11) He sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.</p> <p>(12) He sent yet a third, and they also wounded him, and threw him out.</p> <p>(13) The lord of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be that seeing him, they will respect him.’</p> <p>(14) “But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’</p> <p>(15) They threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to them?</p> <p>(16) He will come and destroy these farmers, and will give the vineyard to others.”</p> <p>When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!”</p> <p>(17) But he looked at them, and said, “Then what is this that is written, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the chief cornerstone?’</p> <p>(18) Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but it will crush whomever it falls on to dust.”</p> <p>(19) The chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on him that very hour, but they feared the people—for they knew he had spoken this parable against them.</p>