

Jesus' Parable of The Wicked Vine-growers

God rejects the disobedient and unfruitful and accepts the obedient and fruitful

Introduction

- A parable is an earthly story designed to teach a spiritual lesson through a comparison
- Many parables focused on the nature of the kingdom of God, its King and its citizens
- Today, Jesus' church is the visible manifestation of His kingdom

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- Many of Jesus' parables were responses to individuals or groups that opposed Him
- His parable of the wicked vine-growers is the second of three parables He spoke in response to the religious leaders who challenged His authority
- The parable of the two sons rebuked the religious leaders who claimed obedience to God but rejected John the Baptist

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- In the parable of the wicked vine-growers, Jesus rebukes the Jewish religious leaders for rejecting Him, the Son of God
- In a few days, they, along with the Romans and the crowd will murder Jesus
- The parable reveals God will not submit to our will but will reject all who reject the Lord Jesus and the gospel
- When we reject the apostles' teaching today, we are rejecting Jesus as Lord

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1. Background
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Religious Leaders Challenge Jesus' Authority To Teach In The Temple

Mat 21:23 When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

Mat 21:24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

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Mat 21:25 "The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?" And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'"

Mat 21:26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet."

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Mat 21:27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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Mat 21:33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.

Mat 21:34 "When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.

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Mat 21:35 "The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

Mat 21:36 "Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

Mat 21:37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

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Mat 21:38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

Mat 21:39 "They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Mat 21:40 "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

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Mat 21:41 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."

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Mat 21:42 Jesus *said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, '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'?"

Mat 21:43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. 13

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Mat 21:44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

Mat 21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

Mat 21:46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet. 14

Meaning of The Parable of The Wicked Vine-growers

- The vineyard is the kingdom of God, the blessings, responsibilities and opportunities given to God's people
- The landowner is God
- The wicked vine-growers are the religious leaders of the Jews and their followers
- The landowner's slaves are the prophets
- The landowner's son is Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God 15

God's Kingdom Taken From Unfruitful Jews and Given To Fruitful Jews and Gentiles

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 16

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 17

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Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 18

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Act 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

Act 13:46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

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Act 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

Act 13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

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Jesus The Rejected Stone
Became The Chief Cornerstone

Psa 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.

Psa 118:23 This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

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Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this name this man stands here before you in good health.

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Act 4:11 "He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.

Act 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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Eph 2:17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;

Eph 2:18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

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Jesus The Rejected Stone Became The Chief Cornerstone

Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

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All Who Reject Christ Will Suffer Eternal Wrath

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.
Mat 7:22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

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Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

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Psa 2:11 Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
Psa 2:12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

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2Th 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
2Th 1:7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
2Th 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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2Th 1:9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
2Th 1:10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed--for our testimony to you was believed.

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