

PORTRAIT OF THE KING

“The Parable of the Tenants” (Matthew 21:33-46)

INTRODUCTION

- This parable has an O.T. context – the Song of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7).

PARABLE	REPRESENTATION
The vineyard owner	
The vineyard	
	Religious leaders
	God’s prophets
The son who was killed	
	God’s judgment on Israel’s religious leaders

EXPOSITION

I. _____: Jesus tells a parable to prophesy His own death (vs. 33-39).

- Examples of Hostility Toward the Prophets
 - A. 100 prophets killed, with Obadiah (I Kings 18:4, 13)
 - B. Micaiah physically abused (I Kings 22:24)
 - C. Zechariah stoned to death (II Chronicles 24:20-22)
 - D. Jeremiah physically abused, put into prison (Jeremiah 20:1-2) and later killed by the sword (Jeremiah 26:20-23)
 - E. John the Baptist beheaded (Matthew 14:1-12)
- Other Scriptures Referring to Killing Jesus
 - A. Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:18
 - B. Acts 2:23
 - C. Acts 3:14-15
 - D. Acts 4:10
 - E. Acts 7:52

II. _____ : Jesus poses a question about what is fair (vs. 40).

III. _____ : The religious leaders condemn themselves (vs. 41).

IV. _____ : Jesus tells informs the religious leaders that He is in the parable (vs. 42-44).

- Jesus is quoting Psalm 118:22-23, which is both a Messianic and a thanksgiving psalm.

- Jesus Christ as the Stone

 - A. Acts 4:11

 - B. Romans 9:33; Ephesians 2:20

 - C. I Peter 2:7

- Cf. Romans 11:25

V. _____ : The religious leaders are angry with Jesus (vs. 45-46).

CONCLUSION

- *KEY POINT: We are _____ of the kingdom of God.*

- Cf. Romans 10:14-17

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Who was the last person you shared the Gospel with?
- 2) Plan to share the Gospel with at least one person this week.
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Evangelism: A Biblical Approach* by G. Michael Cocoris