

**The Rejected Stone**  
**Parables and Miracles—Part 17**  
**Matthew 21: 33-46**  
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This morning we're going to learn that Jesus was not only the rejected \_\_\_\_\_; He was also the rejected \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them, 'They will respect my son,' he said. <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. <sup>44</sup> He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.' <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet."

--Matthew 21:33-46

**The immediate meaning of the parable is simple:**

- (1) The Landowner refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) The vineyard represents the nation of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) The wicked tenants represent the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_—the priests and people.
- (4) The servants sent by the owner represents the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Of course, the owner's son represents \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) The new tenants to whom the owner gave the vineyard represents the rest of us, the \_\_\_\_\_.

**In this story Jesus teaches four foundational truths about the character of God:**

1. God is the \_\_\_\_\_

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." --Psalm 24:1

Lesson 1: I don't own \_\_\_\_\_; I just \_\_\_\_\_ some of God's property

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson 2: God sends many \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate His will

3. God is \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson 3: God sent His Son to convince me to \_\_\_\_\_ to His offer

4. God is \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson number three: If I \_\_\_\_\_ God's Son/Stone I will fall under His \_\_\_\_\_