

# God's Vineyard

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,  
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near,

he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.

But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,  
another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,  
but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,

'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,

'This is the heir.

Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'

They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants

who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected*

*has become the cornerstone;*

*by the Lord has this been done,*

*and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you,

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you

and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

A Vineyard is a farm where they grow grapes to make wine, grape juice, raisins and jellies.

Color the vineyard and add the tower that was built to protect it.



Today's Gospel Talks about a well tended vineyard that was rented by tenants.

They were dishonest and wanted to keep the profit. Three times they mistreated his servants . Then He sent his son and they killed him.

**Let's look at the story with a deeper meaning.**

The vineyard represents the people of God who were well cared for and beloved of God.

The Tenants represent the bad people who do not follow God's Word.

The Servants represent the prophets who came to warn the people of God to change.

Instead of listening to the servants they mistreated them.

The Son Represents Jesus the Son of God. He came down to earth and some people would still not listen to Him.

**Multiple Choice: Select the correct answer to the questions below:**

1. The Vineyard represents a. a football team b. a flower orchard c. The people of God
2. The vineyard actually belongs to a. the tenants b. the Landowner
3. The Tenants mistreat a. one b. two c. three servants trying to collect his crop.
4. The Tenants killed his a. daughter b. son c. uncle
5. In this story, the son represents a. the farmer b. the villagers c. Jesus
6. If my life is God's vineyard I have to grow in my a. athletic ability b. Love of God c. academic education

If you are a “Crop” in the Vineyard of God,;

How can you grow to be the best possible harvest for God?

Label the grapes with the good qualities that you are trying to “grow” in your life to please God. Here are some suggestions

Love

Joy

Obey

Share

Help

Truth

Behave

Listen

Patient

Kind

Considerate

Caring

