

The Parable of the Tenants

A display of Christ's identity, authority, mission, exaltation, judgment, and grace.

Sermon Questions

1. In coming to Jerusalem, Jesus the _____ of God, has come into the _____ den.
2. Jesus' hearers understood the parable and its similarity with Isaiah _____.
3. List what each element in Jesus' allegory corresponds to:
The man who owns the vineyard: _____
The tenants: _____ The vineyard: _____
The servants: _____ The son: _____
4. It is common to revere yesterday's prophets while hating today's. (Yes/No)
5. The language of "beloved son" portrays Jesus as _____.
6. The plot of the tenants to _____ the son and become _____ was senseless and absurd.
7. God's response to Israel's unfaithfulness included: (circle all that apply)
 - i. The destruction of Jerusalem.
 - ii. The end of the Old Covenant.
 - iii. The inclusion of the Gentiles into the kingdom.
8. The people believed Jesus that this was going to happen. (Yes/No)
9. Jesus answered the question about his authority—he is the divine Son. He also reminded the religious leaders of their _____. They were tenants in God's vineyard.
10. List the two applications we need to take from Jesus' words:
 - i. A _____ to those who persistently reject God's grace and truth.
 - ii. A _____ to the faithful, especially the fearful and discouraged.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Can you recall all the theological truths about Christ that are revealed in this parable? There are at least six items of significance in the history of God's plan of redemption.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1–11. Why is it so important for the church to know Israel's history? How would you evaluate (1) the modern church, (2) our church, and (3) your own life and family in comparison to Israel's history?
3. How are you most tempted to act like the tenants in the story? What do you need to remember?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

