



“Parable of the Evil Farmers!”

Luke 20:9-19

1. A picture of a people who rejected God, His Preachers and the GIFT of His Son!

- **Luke 20:9** - **Land Owner** = God / **Farmers** = Jewish people & nation / **Servants** = God’s Prophets, Apostles and Preachers / **Son** = Jesus)
- **God creates the earth and everything in it! He creates Male and Female** (**Genesis 1:26-28** / **Matthew 19:4**)!
- Adam & Eve sin and are separated from God! God sends His Prophets and Preachers to try to bring sinful man back to Himself! The God sends His One and only Son, Jesus Christ, from Heaven to Earth! Jesus is born, lives a perfect life, dies upon the cross for all sin and is Resurrected 3 days later! Then...
- **Acts 1:9-11** – **Jesus returns back to Heaven!** Yet, it is told that **He will return here again!**
- **Hebrews 9:28** – He will return a **SECOND** time!
- But...there is a problem in the Vineyard! **Isaiah 5:2**
- The people that God chose to be His people and to be entrusted to love Him, work for Him and bring Honor and Glory to His name **REJECT HIM!** They **REJECTED** the greatest gift to them...Jesus Christ, God’s One and Only Son! **John 1:10-12** / **John 7:5**

A. Luke 20:10-12 – The Landowner sends his servants!

- What a picture here of the OT Prophets, NT Apostles and Preachers that God sent with the Good News and they were beaten and killed!
- **1 Kings 19:10** / **Matthew 23:37** / **Luke 11:47-51** / **Hebrews 11:37-38** / **Romans 11:3** / **Acts 7:52** / **Luke 13:34**
- Here in our story today, Jesus says that the first was beaten, second was insulted and beaten and the third was wounded and they chased him away.
- Matthew and Mark tell us that stones were used!
- **Why? Because they loved their sin! They loved their Religious titles and lives! They loved themselves!**
- **Romans 1:18** / **25** – **All rejection of God and Truth leads to every type of category of sin!**

2. The Landowner sends his son! (God sends Jesus!)

- Luke 20:13-15
- "My *cherished or beloved Son!*"
- John 3:16 – "that He sent His *One and only Son...*"
- Matthew 3:17 – "A voice came from Heaven...this is my *DEARLY LOVED SON...*"
- For a Father to send his son to be the answer, to help and fix the entire sin problem and then be rejected? How do you think the Father would feel?

*Watch at how Luke, the author of the Book of Acts, shows what they did to Jesus:

- The Jews delivered Jesus to be killed 3:13
- They denied and rejected Jesus 3:13-14
- They condemned Jesus 13:27
- They betrayed Jesus 7:52
- They murdered Jesus 2:23 / 7:52 / 10:39 / 13:28
- By crucifying Jesus 2:23 / 2:36 / 4:10 / 5:30 / 10:39!

A. The listeners' response to Jesus sharing this story?

- Luke 20:16
- They 100% showed their sinful pride and arrogance in *their protest!*
- They knew that He was talking about them! Luke 20:16-18
- Jesus is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense **to unbelievers!** Isaiah 8:14
- Ephesians 2:20 – the Prophets and Apostles are the foundation of everything that God sent, and Jesus is the Cornerstone! *Any other foundation or way of living is FALSE!*

Closing: Because of the sin, murders and rejection towards God, everyone that God sent on His own behalf and even His very own Son...**DIVINE JUDGMENT is the only result!**

- Luke 20:18 - Divine Judgment is a very scary thing! *Break and crush!*
- It was not just the result of when the Jews outright rejected Jesus...it is happening **NOW** and **will happen LATER!** **If people would just read the Bible and believe!**
- **Please know this today:** the *ONLY reason* that God ever has to unleash Divine Judgment upon the earth is because *Human Beings openly rebel and continue to reject Jesus Christ* the GIFT of Salvation!
- **Understand this today:** People bring upon themselves what is due them! 2 Corinthians 5:10
- **The crazy thing? The JUDGE is actually offered as SAVIOR!**
- **Why?** So that people *won't have to stand before Jesus condemned!*
- If they just would respond to Him instead of reject Him! John 3:17 / Romans 8:1
- But, instead, many people in our lifetime and in the future will go from bad to worse! Revelation 9:20-21 / Revelation 16:8-11
- Is God just and fair in His Judgments? Revelation 16:5-7...*I'd say so!*

****What is your response to Jesus today?** Reject or Accept? John 1:12**