ISRAEL THE VINEYARD MT 21:33-46

Matthew 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a certain **householder (οἰκοδεσπότης),** which planted a **vineyard**, and hedged it round about, and digged a **winepress (ληνόν)** in it, and built a tower, and let it out **to husbandmen (γεωργοῖς),** and went into a far country:

Householder (οἰκοδεσπότης): Master | despot | Also - Lord of the house =

Matthew 21:40 When **the lord (ὁ κύριος τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος) therefore of the vineyard** cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

Vineyard = Israel

Planted by God
Protected by God
The purposes of God

Mark 12:1 And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the **winefat (ὑπολήνιον),** and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

Let it out: rented it out to the Jewish leadership (the farmers)

Husbandmen (γεωργοῖς):

(Matthew 21:45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake **of them**. **Matthew 21:46** But when they sought to lay hands **on him**, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet)

Matthew 21:34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his **servants** to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

…and went into a far country. And when the time of the fruit drew near…

Matthew 21:35 And the husbandmen took his **servants**, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

Matthew 21:36 Again, he sent **other servants** more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

Servants & other servants = John the Baptist, the prophets (all the way back to Elijah/Elisha)

Matthew 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them **his son**, saying, They will reverence my son.

Matthew 21:38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

Husbandmen (γεωργοῖς):

- **Refuse to pay up**
- **Repay the goodness & kindness with violence, abuse, murder**

Matthew 21:39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

His son: Jesus

Matthew 21:40 **When** **the lord** **therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?**
Matthew 21:41 They say unto him, **He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.**

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Matthew 21:43 **Therefore** **say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

Matthew 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

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Matthew 21:46 But when they **sought** to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

Hebrews 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, **suffered without the gate.**

Question & answers:

Really aren't any good answers.
Destroy the husbandman / farmers
And then let out the vineyard to other farmers who will pay up

Explanation by Jesus:

Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders refused Is become the head stone of the corner. **Psalm 118:23** This is the LORD's doing; It is marvellous in our eyes.

You (the leadership & many / most of the people) missed the point of it all & missed (rejected) the Messiah.

What does this mean?

- **Taken from the Jews & given to the church … permanently**
- **Taken from this generation & given to a future generation**
- **Taken from the Jews (the mystery) …temporarily, to be restored to the Jews after the rapture**

Isaiah 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; But for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, For a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. **Isaiah 8:15** And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, And be snared, and be taken.

The leadership got it and then tried to get Him - Jesus!