

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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## A Life Pleasing to God Depends On Properly Valuing His Beloved Son

Luke 20:9-18

NOTES:

### Review

- Arriving at his destination, Jesus is celebrated and scrutinized in Jerusalem.
- Challenging the Temple's corruption, murderous opposition to Jesus is fixed in stone.

### The Story of the Vineyard Owner, the Self-deluded Tenants and the Beloved Son

#### 1. Away for some time, a Vineyard Owner anticipates a fruitful return from his Tenants.

**Luke 20:9** *And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard.*

#### 2. Assuming the Owner's absence is permanent, the Tenants abuse various collection agents.

**Luke 20:10b** *But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.*

#### 3. As a final measure, the Owner sends his highly-prized Son to bring fruit from the Vineyard.

**Luke 20:13** *Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'*

#### 4. Convinced the Owner won't return, the Tenants terminally miscalculate the Son's importance.

**Luke 20:14** *But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."*

## 5. Badly misjudged as worthless, in reality the Son is the Rock who judges everyone else.

**Luke 20:16b** *When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" 17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.*

### The Story of the Vineyard Owner, the Self-deluded Tenants and the Beloved Son

**1 Peter 2:4** *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

- 1) ...God supremely values his Son and has made him the pivot of history. (v.4)
- 2) ... the Beloved Son provides the only acceptable "blueprint" for life with God (v.5)
- 3) ...allegiance to him is the only source of invincible honor. (v.6)
- 4) ...rejection of him is rejection of God's enduring word. (v.8)

### Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) Explore the biblical theme of God's desire for fruitfulness in his people by reading passages such as Psalm 1, Isaiah 5:1-12, Matthew 3:8-10, 7:15-20, 13:23, John 15:1-17, Romans 7:4-6, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:5-11, Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:9-12.
- 2) It's easy to slip into the false belief that God is an "absentee Vineyard Owner". Recall the parable of the Ten Minas (Luke 19:11-27). What connections do you see with that parable and Luke 20:9-18? How does Jesus as the Cornerstone help reframe our purpose in our current historical moment?
- 3) Pick one issue in your life that is not yet patterned on the life of Jesus. How will 1 Peter 2:4-8 encourage you this week as you are built up in the spiritual house founded on Jesus's perfectly pleasing life? (see 1 Peter 2:1 or Colossians 3:5-14 for ideas)

#### SONGS

*KING OF HEAVEN*  
*10,000 REASONS*  
*GRATITUDE*  
*GREAT ARE YOU LORD*

#### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$52,429.54  
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
YTD Giving: \$609,429.54  
YTD General Need: \$689,796.00

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