

- Why this parable?
 - The authority of Jesus was challenged.

 Matt. 21:23-27
 - The Pharisees could not deny His authority.
 John 3:1-2
 - Thus Jesus gives two parables in response. *Matt.* 21:28-32; 33-46

- The second parable.
 - The landowner and His vineyard. *Matt.* 21:33
 - Israel was to God a choice vineyard, yet gave bad fruit. Isa. 5:1-7
 - The landowner expects a return for His investment. Matt. 21:34
 - This principle used by Paul. 1 Cor. 9:7

- The second parable.
 - The tenants in return killed the slaves of the landowner. *Matt.* 21:35-36
 - This is was the attitude of the Jews.

 Acts 7:51-52; Matt. 23:29-32; 1 Kings 18:17;

 Jer. 26:7-9
 - The landowner then sends His son. Matt. 21:37
 - The Jews were expecting His coming. *Isa. 9:6-7; Acts 2:22, 23*

- The second parable.
 - The wicked tenants want His inheritance, thus killing Him. *Matt.* 21:38-39
 - The Jews were looking for a physical kingdom, physical glory. John 12:27-34; Acts 1:6
 - Jesus wants them to draw a conclusion to this parable. Matt. 21:40
 - They judged correctly, but fail to apply to themselves. *Matt. 21:41; Rom. 2:1-3*

- The application of the parable.
 - Jesus makes the application and they understood. Matt. 21:42-46
 - We have also been entrusted with a great blessing from God. 1 John 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:9-10; Heb. 2:1-3
 - We must not look upon those who correct us as enemies. Heb. 13:17; Gal. 4:16
 - God is expecting good fruit from us. 1 Cor. 15:58

