

SERMON NOTES

Following Jesus . . . The Way of the Cross

Luke 20:9-19

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“He went on to tell the people this parable: ‘A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.’ [v. 9]

“At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard, but they beat him and sent him away empty-handed.” [v. 10]

“I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.” [Isaiah 7:1-2]

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“The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.” [Isaiah 7:7]

“He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.” [Vv. 11-12]

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ [v. 13]

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"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." [1 Peter 3:9]

"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir, they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.'" [Vv. 14-15]

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. When the people heard this, they said, 'May this never be!' " [v. 16]

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"Jesus looked directly at them and asked, 'then what is the meaning of that which is written: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.'" [Vv. 17-18]

"The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people." [V. 19]