



# The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers: God's Plan for Israel Today

**“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it,**

**Matthew 21:33a**



dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

**Matthew 21:33b**



Now when vintage-time drew near,  
he sent his servants to the  
vinedressers, that they might  
receive its fruit.

**Matthew 21:34**



**And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.**

**Matthew 21:35**



**Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.**

**Matthew 21:36**



Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

**Matthew 21:37**



**But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'**

**Matthew 21:38**





So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*.

**Matthew 21:39**



**“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”**

**Matthew 21:40**



They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”

**Matthew 21:41**



**Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.**

**Matthew 21:42a**



**This was the LORD's doing, And it is  
marvelous in our eyes'?**

**Matthew 21:42b**



**“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.**

**Matthew 21:43**



**And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”**

**Matthew 21:44**



**Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.**

**Matthew 21:45**





# Israel Rejects the Messiah



When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude,

**Matthew 27:24a**



saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.”

**Matthew 27:24b**



And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.”

**Matthew 27:25**



Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

**Matthew 27:26**



# The Way of Pain



**Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.**

**Matthew 27:45**



**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”**

**Matthew 27:46**






# A child forsaken

**And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.**

**Matthew 27:50**



A large, dark silhouette of a crucifix stands on the left side of the image. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

Jesus gave  
His life, it  
was not  
taken

**Then, behold, the veil of the temple  
was torn in two from top to bottom;  
and the earth quaked, and the  
rocks were split**

**Matthew 27:51**



and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

**Matthew 27:52**



and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

**Matthew 27:53**



So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

**Matthew 27:54**





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