

~ A PARABLE WITH TEETH ~

Matthew 21:33-46

INTRODUCTION: Chapter 21 of Matthew's Gospel starts recording the last week of Jesus' public ministry. We have seen Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem along with His cleansing of the Temple where he asserts His authority over His Temple. Previously in Mathew's Gospel Jesus has asserted His authority over the Word of God, and over the Sabbath and has now laid claim to being Israel's Messiah. The religious leaders, trying to discredit Jesus, have questioned by what authority He was doing and saying the things that He was. In answering His opponents Jesus exposed their incompetence to lead and their hypocrisy. On Sunday, October 8th we looked at the first of three successive parables, each masterfully designed to further expose the wickedness of Israel's leaders. In *The Parable of The Two Sons* (Matthew 21:28-32) the fault Jesus highlighted was their disobedience and hypocrisy. In the parable we will look at this morning - *The Parable of The Wicked Tenants* - the disobedient and hypocritical spirit of these religious leaders so hardens that they murder the Landowners Son (Matthew 21:33-39). The scene in both parables takes place in a vineyard - God's Vineyard. In November of 2017, IBC is a portion of God's Vineyard - What kind of tenant are you? What kind of tenant am I?

A. THE PARABLE OF ISRAEL'S DARK _____ - vv. 33-39

1. THE _____ OF THE VINEYARD - v. 33

A. IT WAS _____

B. IT WAS _____

C. IT WAS _____

2. THE _____ OF THE VINEYARD - vv. 33

3. THE _____ OF THE TENANTS - vv. 34-39

A. WITH THE _____ OF THE OWNER - vv. 34-36

B. WITH THE _____ OF THE OWNER - vv. 37-39

4. THE _____ OF THE CHARACTERS - vv. 33-39

A. THE LANDOWNER - _____

B. THE VINEDRESSERS - _____

C. THE SERVANTS - _____

D. THE SON -- _____

B. THE QUESTION TO ISRAEL'S CORRUPT _____ - vv. 40-41

1. THE _____ QUESTION - v. 40

2. THE _____ ANSWER - v. 41

C. THE CLAIMS OF ISRAEL'S REJECTED _____ - vv. 42-44

1. CONCERNING _____ - v. 42

2. CONCERNING _____ - v. 43-44

D. THE RESPONSE OF ISRAEL'S STIFF-NECKED _____ - vv. 45-46