**THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS**

Luke 20:1-19

Key Verse: 20:13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’”

1. What was the motive behind the religious leaders’ question? Why couldn’t they answer Jesus’ counter-question? (1-8)

2. According to Isaiah 5:1,2, Israel is pictured as God’s vineyard. In what respect are we God’s vineyard and what does God expect from us? (9-10a; cf. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18; Galatians 5:22-23)

3. Why did the tenants refuse to give the owner his share of the fruit? (10b-12) Notice the increase of their hostility.

4. Instead of punishing the tenants, why did the owner send his son? How did they treat his son and why? (13-15a)

5. What would the owner do about these rebellious tenants? (16-19) What did Jesus mean by quoting Psalm 118:22,23? How did this parable answer the question about authority? (8) What does this parable teach about God?