

Bad Religion's Bad End

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 188

Matthew 21:33-46

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³³ “Hear another parable. There was a man, a house-master, such as planted a vineyard, and put a wall around it, and dug a winepress in it, and build a tower, and rented it out to tenant farmers, and went on a journey.

³⁴ “And when the season for the fruits drew near, he sent his slaves to the tenant farmers, to receive his fruits.

³⁵ “And the tenant farmers took his slaves, and¹ one they beat, and one they killed, and one they threw stones at.

³⁶ “Again he sent other slaves, more than the first ones; and yet they did to them likewise.

³⁷ “But afterwards he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will show respect for my son.’”

³⁸ “But the tenant farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Over here! Let us kill him, and let us have his inheritance!’”

³⁹ “And they took him, and² they threw *him* out of the vineyard, and they killed *him*.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹ They say to Him, “*Those bad men*, badly will he destroy them, and the vineyard he will rent out to other tenant farmers, such as will repay to him the fruits in their seasons!”

⁴² Jesus says to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, This became as the head of the corner; This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes’”?³

⁴³ “On account of this I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and will be given to a nation bearing⁴ its fruits.

⁴⁴ “And he who has fallen on this stone will be dashed to pieces, and on whoever it falls, it will scatter him as dust.”⁵

⁴⁵ And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they knew that He is speaking concerning them.

⁴⁶ And, though seeking to seize Him, they were afraid of the crowds, since they were regarding⁶ Him as a prophet.

(Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. _____ (vv. 33-39)

A. Introduction (v. 33)

1. Note:

2. The setup:

3. The background: Isaiah ____:1-7

B. _____ tion (vv. 34-39)

1. First outreach (vv. 34-35)

¹ Literally *having taken...they*.

² Literally *when they took him ...*

³ Quoting Psalm 118:22-23.

⁴ Literally *doing, making*.

⁵ This verse is missing from some Greek manuscripts. Cf. Like 20:18.

⁶ Literally *having*.

2. Second and _____ outreach (v. 36)

3. Third and _____ outreach (vv. 37-39)

C. _____ tion (vv. 40-41)

1. Jesus hands them the _____ (v. 40)

2. They take the _____ (v. 41)

II. _____ (vv. 42-46)

A. Christ's _____ ing (vv. 42-44)

1. God's _____ (v. 42)

2. God's _____ (v. 43)

a. _____ whom?

b. _____ whom?

3. God's _____ (v. 44)

B. The Leaders' _____ ing (vv. 45-46)