

## Lesson Ten

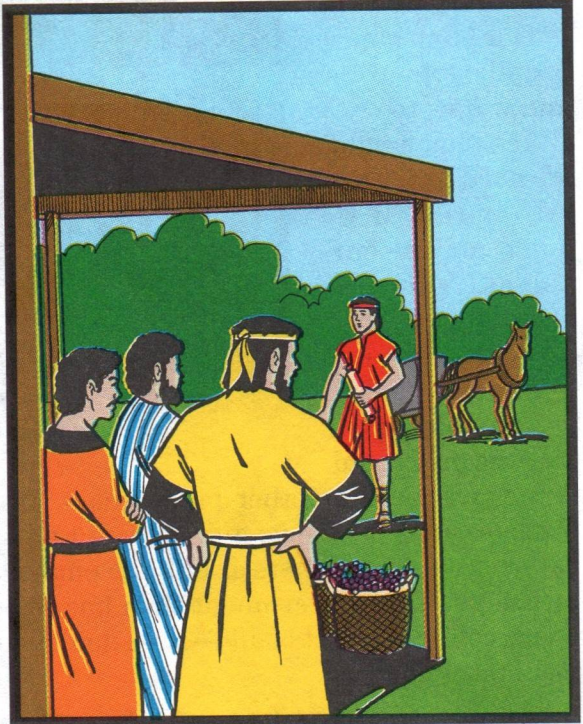
# The Vineyard

**Scripture References:** Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

**Memory Verse:** "And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:" (Mark 12:10)

"Kirk, you have studied the lesson for today. Will you explain the parable of the vineyard?"

"Yes, sir. God gave certain responsibilities to the Jewish nation. Often when He sent prophets to them they rejected and even killed them. When they sinned the prophets tried to warn the people and teach them to obey God and bring forth fruit. As Stephen said in Acts 7:51-53 they rejected the prophets. Finally God sent His own son, Jesus, and they killed him. Since that time many Jews have suffered and most of those who follow Jesus and, thus are in the church, have been Gentiles."



*"There comes the heir, let's kill him."*

"Very good. Christians should not persecute the Jews. We should love them. But we can learn a lesson from their history. When people disobey God and reject Christ they will suffer. Of course, Gentiles (those who are not Jews are called Gentiles) will also be punished if they do not obey Jesus. Some are punished in this world as well as the next."

"Is there any way we can apply the parable to our lives?"

"Yes, I have just mentioned one — we must accept Christ instead of rejecting Him. The parable doesn't teach this directly but the lesson suggested to me is that when people commit a sin they often get worse

and worse. It's better to get caught in a sin and be punished and repent than to get by with a sin and then get worse and worse. So we must be careful and repent for each sin and realize every sin is bad. We may start with something wrong that we think is not very bad and then get worse and worse.”

“Our punishment usually gets worse and worse, too.”

“Yes, that's right. We need to develop self-control. If we don't control ourselves someone else will do it for us and it gets worse and worse. When we are children our parents may spank us or give us some other punishment. If that doesn't work our fellow students may ignore us and not want us around. If we still don't learn self-control our teachers or later an employer on a job may have to expel or fire us. If the government then has to punish us it may mean jail or death cell. But worst of all — if we don't learn to accept Christ we will be lost eternally.”



# Lost Eternally

*If we don't repent our punishment grows worse*

### Draw A Line Under The Best Answer

1. The husbandmen in the parable (a) *owned the vineyard* (b) *rented the vineyard* (c) *were married*.
2. The husbandmen thought if they killed the son of the owner that they (a) *could steal his money* (b) *could escape punishment for killing the servants* (c) *would get the vineyard*.
3. The son in the parable represented (a) *Jesus* (b) *John the Baptist* (c) *the prophets*.

4. The husbandmen in the parable represented (a) *Jesus* (b) *the Jews* (c) *the prophets*.
5. Because the Jews rejected Christ, God's people now are mostly (a) *Gentiles* (b) *heathen* (c) *Jews*.

### True - False

Write "true" if the statement is true and "false" if any part of the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. We should persecute the Jews because they killed Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jesus was a Jew and we should love them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If we don't have self-discipline we are sure to receive some punishment or discipline from others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Punishment usually gets worse as we grow older if we keep on in sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Pharisees knew this parable applied to them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. They did not capture Him just then because they feared the multitude.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Mark tells that the first servants were sent one at a time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Matthew tells of sending servants but does not mention that some were sent one by one.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. One servant was wounded in the head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The stone that the builders rejected means Jesus.

### Questions To Answer

Fill in the blanks.

A certain man planted a \_\_\_\_\_ and set a \_\_\_\_\_ around it and digged a \_\_\_\_\_ in it, and built a \_\_\_\_\_. When the season of fruits came he sent some \_\_\_\_\_ to receive his fruits. The husbandmen who had rented the vineyard \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the servants. He sent another group and they were treated the same way. Then he sent his \_\_\_\_\_, saying, they will \_\_\_\_\_ my son. Instead, they \_\_\_\_\_ the son.

### Questions For Discussion

1. Were those who killed Jesus as bad as the husbandmen, who killed the heir to the vineyard? Why?

2. What should be our attitude toward the Jews?
3. What is self-control and why do we need it?
4. Can we be as evil as those who killed Jesus? If so, how? (Hebrews 6:4-8).
5. What is likely to be the effect of thinking a sin is little, or doesn't matter much?

### Crossword Puzzle

#### **Across**

1. In the parable a man planted a \_\_\_\_\_ (plural) Mark 12:1.
7. We should not worship an \_\_\_\_\_ I Corinthians 8:7.
8. Abbreviation for abhor offences.
9. How many are righteousness? Romans 3:10
10. Combination of smoke and fog.
12. How many stars bowed down to Joseph in his dream? Genesis 37:9
14. Egyptian sun god. Abbreviation for radium.
15. Oldest son of Isaac. Genesis 25:25
17. We must not fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil. I Timothy 3:7
18. Also, more than enough. \_\_\_\_\_ many people sin.
19. Initials for "unto each."
20. "... walk \_\_\_\_\_ children of light:" Ephesians 5:8b

#### **Down**

1. In vineyards grapes come from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Same as 7 across.
3. Same as 9 across.
4. Same as 12 across.
5. Offered as sacrifice instead of Isaac. Genesis 22:13
6. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheep. John 10:7.
10. Same as 17 across.
11. John saw twelve pearl \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 21:21
13. Same as 15 across.
16. Same as 19 across.
17. As the tares are burned; \_\_\_\_\_ shall it be in the end of the world. Matthew 13:40

# Puzzle

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## Who Persecuted Whom?

There are several examples in the Bible of people mistreating, persecuting, or even killing good men. Can you name the one or ones who persecuted and the objects of their wrath from the following clues? Sometimes we do not have the name of a person but of a group. Write the name of the aggressor first and the victim second. If you cannot remember, look up the scriptures and then finish filling out the blanks.

1. His own brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 37:26-28
2. He tried to deliver his people from bondage in Egypt yet sometimes they opposed him. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus 5:15-21; 16:2, 3; Numbers 12:1-10; 14: 1-5
3. A very strong man. His people feared the Philistines and turned him over to them. \_\_\_\_\_ Judges 15:9-15
4. A king who feared a young man would get his kingdom. He tried to kill him many times. \_\_\_\_\_ I Samuel 18:6-12
5. A king and queen tried to kill one of the great prophets. This prophet never died. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I Kings 19.
6. The Jewish leaders persecuted the greatest one who ever lived on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 20:17-19
7. The first Christian martyr was stoned. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acts 6:8-7:60
8. He suffered much at the hands of many. He was the apostle to the Gentiles and traveled a lot. \_\_\_\_\_  
II Corinthians 11:23-29