

Be Fruitful

Matthew 21:33

The Vineyard

- Listen to another parable:
 - Landowner
 - planted a vineyard
 - put a wall around it
 - dug a winepress in it
 - built a watchtower
 - rented the vineyard to farmers

The Vineyard

- Isaiah 5:1-7
 - Israel is pictured as a vineyard.
 - God looked for the fruit of justice and righteousness.
 - But it produced bloodshed and distress.

The Vineyard

- When the harvest time approached
 - “time of fruits”
 - he sent his servants...to collect his fruit
 - They beat, killed, and stoned them.

The Vineyard

- Last of all, he sent his son to them
 - “They will respect my son.”
 - They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

The Vineyard

- When the owner comes what will he do?
 - He will bring those wretches to a wretched end.
 - rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop (fruit)

The Vineyard

- they knew he was talking about them...looked for a way to arrest him

The Vineyard

- Landowner - God
- Vineyard - Israel
- Tenants - chief priests and elders
- Servants - prophets
- Son - Jesus

Exaltation

- Have you never read the Scriptures
 - The stone the builders rejected
 - has become the capstone

Exaltation

- What others thought worthless, God has lifted to a place of importance.
 - Jesus

Exaltation

- the Lord has done this,
 - it is marvelous in our eyes

Fruitfulness

- the kingdom of God
 - will be taken away from you
- given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Fruitfulness

- What fruit?
 - Isaiah 5:7
 - justice
 - righteousness

Judgment

- he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces,
 - he on whom it falls will be crushed

Judgment

- If you fail to accept the son,
 - you will face judgment.

Judgment

- Acts 17:29-31
 - God...commands all people everywhere to repent.
 - For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.
 - He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.

Judgment

- Those who fail to produce fruit with perish like the fig tree.

Be Fruitful

- God has exalted his son Jesus.
- He has made him ruler and judge of all the earth.
- He will give his kingdom to a people who produce its fruit.