



I. The Parable

- The vine-growers are assuming that the landowner is dead himself and that the death of the son will guarantee their wealth.



I. The Parable

- The text indicates an answer from Jesus, but in Matthew's parallel account the answer comes from the crowd.
- This parable paints a vivid picture to the religious leaders of their evil conduct.



I. The Parable

- The landowner is God the Father.
- The vineyard is Israel.
- The vine-growers are the religious leaders.
- The slaves are the prophets who came before.



I. The Parable

- The beloved son is none other than Jesus Christ.
- The giving of the vineyard to others is an allusion to the coming of the church and the leadership of the Apostles.



II. A Rejected Stone

- Jesus quotes from Psalm 118:22-23.
- Once again Jesus highlights His pending death.
- Jesus is the key component to God's new building...the church.



II. A Rejected Stone

- It is the Lord that has caused the stone to be used in a new way.
- Jesus' death on the cross provides a new and living way for all of us to approach God.



III. The Response

- The religious leaders got the message.



Be Careful...

- We can value our opinion so highly that we reject what we see in Scripture, and we do it without blinking an eye.
- Perhaps we have sidelined Jesus in favor of our own personal opinion.

