

# Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching, every man, with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28



“From a Vineyard to a Cornerstone”

Luke 20:9-18

Jan. 7, 2024

## Passion Week

Month of Nissan 1 <sup>st</sup> month of Hebrew Calendar. (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany which upsets the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).	10 Select the Lamb. Exodus 12:3 - "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take lamb for themselves."	11 Jesus curses the Fig tree (dining judgment re-Israel). Exodus 12:23 - "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take lamb for themselves."	12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11:13). Jesus touches all day in the Temple grounds.	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Laws establish a challenge (official charge) against the chief priests, the chief priests, and Pharisees on the Temple grounds.	14 Early am arrest of Jesus and trial before Caiaphas the High Priest.	15 Jesus' body is buried in the tomb Day 2.
11 Jesus' body is buried in the tomb Day 3.	12 Trials of Jesus Unleavened bread continues for 7 days.	13 The Passover day Jesus & disciples celebrate last supper.	14 The Upper Room Discourse and Sacrifice the Lamb.	15 Post-resurrection and appearance over the next 40 days to over 500 people.	16 Jesus' body is resurrected.	17 Jesus' body is buried in Joseph's tomb before sunset.
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**"parable" – a tool used for teaching. A story, an illustration.**

**Renting out land was not uncommon in the first century as it is not uncommon today. A contractual agreement would be set up.**

**The absentee land owner was free to live elsewhere and to travel when and where he pleased.**

**He must have complete trust in the vine-growers.**

**Let's look at Is. 5:1-7 . . .**

## Isa 5:1-7

**1 Let me sing now for my well-beloved**  
A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.

My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.  
2 He dug it all around, removed its stones,

And planted it with the choicest vine.  
And He built a tower in the middle of it

And also hewed out a wine vat in it;  
Then He expected it to produce good grapes,

But it produced only worthless ones.

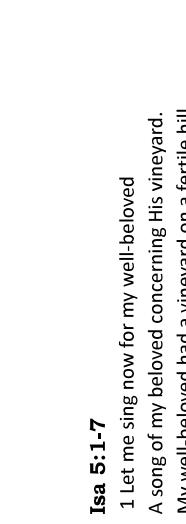
3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
Judge between Me and My vineyard.

4 "What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?  
Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones?

5 "So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.

6 "I will lay it waste; it will not be pruned or hoed. But briars and thorns will come up. I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel



## The Owner of the Vineyard = God the Father

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The owner, at harvest, would like to collect on his investment so he sends a slave.

- But what would shock all those listening to the parable, was the response of the vine-growers who beat the slave.

- There was not only a refusal to pay what was due the owner, but the criminal act of an assault on the slave.

- Wow! Look what the owner does in response - he sends another slave. No charges are brought.

- Same result – they beat him. Now it is time for revenge, right?

- No. The owner sends a third slave who they wound and send away.

- There was great patience and grace displayed by the owner.

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- The owner wonders what to do. What would you do?

- "eye for an eye"

- take him to court

- fire the vine-growers and hire a new group.

- Vs.13 - The owner decides to send his son. More grace, more patience.

- Certainly they will respect the son.

- Vs.14 - They want the inheritance. Kill the son and the inheritance is theirs. They can be in control. They can have it all.

- Vs.15 - So they kill the son (premeditated murder). What can the owner do to us?

- Vs.16 - Jesus lays it out exactly and definitely what will happen – they will be destroyed (70 AD). Vineyard will go to others.

They not only hear what Jesus is saying, they understand it – “*akou*” That is why they give a strange response, “No, no,” and a thousand times no. This cannot happen. Israel can’t be destroyed and replaced. They get it.

They followed the line of reasoning from Israel’s history and feared if the parable would be true, this could happen.

**The Owner of the Vineyard = God the Father. He brought Israel into existence. He leaves the care of Israel to the leaders.**

**The Vineyard** = The nation of Israel. The chosen nation and people of God. God expects to receive spiritual fruit back from His ownership of Israel.

**Vine-growers** = The religious rulers of Israel entrusted with leading Israel including chief priests, scribes and Pharisees, Sadducees, the Sanhedrin, and the elders. They fail time and time again.

**Slaves** = The prophets of God that were sent to Israel were persecuted and killed by the religious rulers. The OT gives a detailed vivid description of God sending prophets time and time again to call Israel to produce spiritual fruit.

### Jer 7:25-26

25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them.

26 "yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck; they did more evil than their fathers.

**Matt 23:37-38**

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

**Son** = Finally God sends His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will be mistreated and killed by Israel’s leadership along with the Romans.

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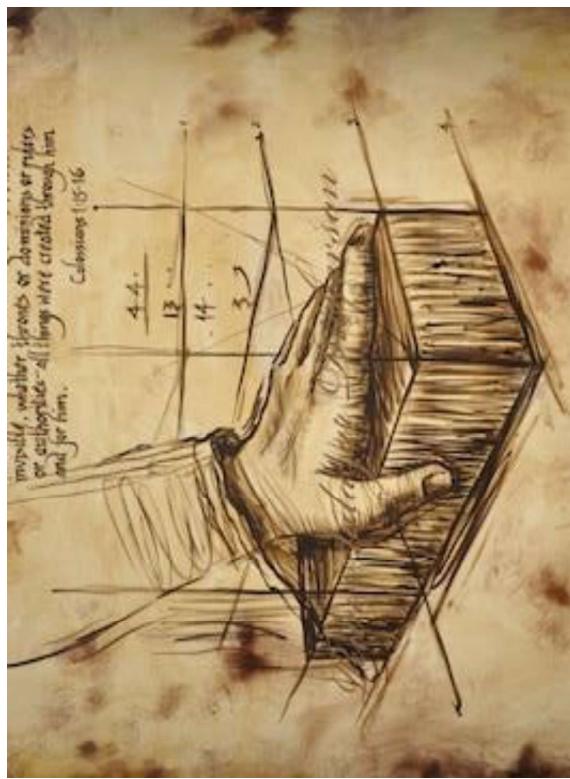
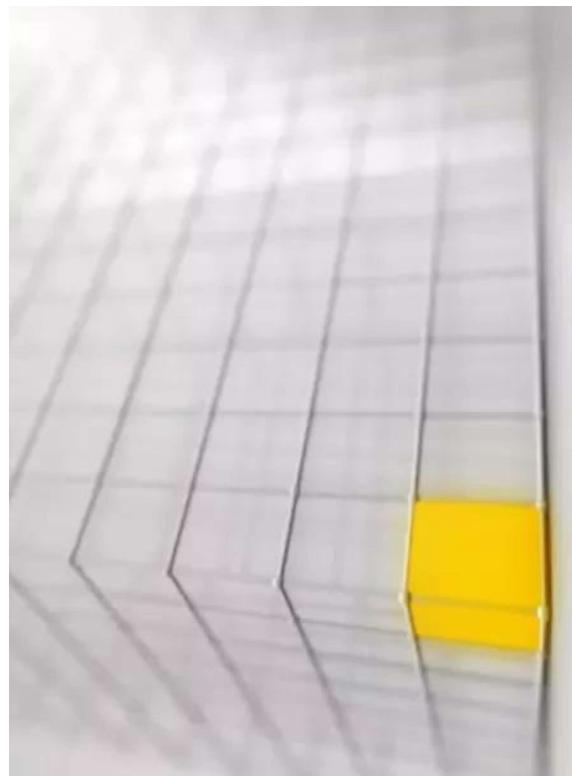
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- He rises from the dead and becomes the "chief corner stone."

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- However here in this passage the religious builders are not looking for the perfect corner stone but at their own perfection achieved through self-righteousness.
- They reject Jesus because He does not fit “their building.” He is offensive to them and their man-made religious system.

**Ps 118:22**

- 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.
- Vs. 18 – You either reject the chief corner stone (stumble and fall on the stone) and are smashed, or the chief corner stone rejects you and you are crushed in judgment.
- “stumble” – you just can't get around it. The religious leaders just kept stumbling – His humble birth, His ability to expose their system, His servanthood, His mission, etc.
- If this foundation-stone is not the means of your salvation, it will be the means of your ruin.

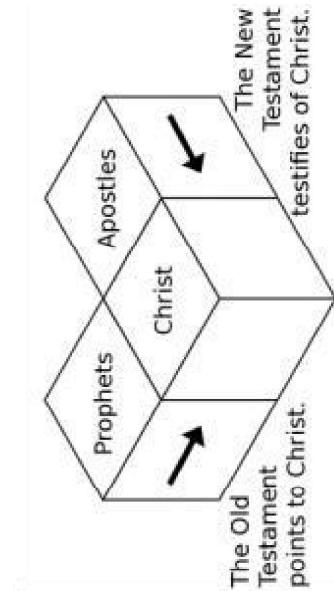
**Eph 2:20**

- 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
- So here is the Church. The **Church** is now the people of God who have temporarily replaced Israel.

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**1 Peter 2:7-8**

7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve,  
"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"  
8 and,  
"A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";  
for they **stumble because they are disobedient to the word**,  
and to this doom they were also appointed.



The Gospels contain  
the story of Christ,  
the Chief Cornerstone.

**The Church's One Foundation**

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Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride;

With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

**Application**

1. You just have to marvel at the graciousness and patience of God.
2. The Lord Jesus is the perfect standard. It is by Him and His Word that we measure all things.
3. There is no room for indifference. There is no riding the fence. You either receive Him or you reject Him and face judgment.