

MORE THAN THE MESSAGE

(FOR PERSONAL, GROUP OR FAMILY STUDY)



“Outrageous! The Rejected Son and the Fruit He Bears” (10/3-4/2020)

(Matthew 21:33-46)

1. If you were to describe the word “grace” in your own words, how would you describe it?
2. Read Matthew 21:33-46.
 - a. What is one thing that stands out to you? Why?
 - b. What is the most “outrageous” moment for you in this story? Why?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus changes His imagery from “vineyard” to “stone/cornerstone”?
 - d. Is this a story of “grace” or “judgment”? Defend your answer.
3. Jesus intentionally uses the imagery of a “vineyard” in His story. It recalls a well-known passage from the prophet Isaiah. Read Isaiah 5:1-7 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What similarities do you see?
 - b. What differences do you see?
 - c. How does this passage tie in with Matthew 21:33-46?
 - d. Again: is this passage about “grace” or “judgment”? Defend your answer.
4. Jesus declares, “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” (Matthew 21:43) Read John 15:1-8. How could this speak to this verse? To Matthew 21:33-46?
5. What is one thing God has shown you today through this study? What is one thing you can specifically do in response?