

Things we inherit

Do you know what an inheritance is?

Have you ever gotten an inheritance? Or has anything ever been passed down through your family before?

In my family there is a bread knife that my Grandmother has that she got from her grandmother before her. She will eventually pass it down to my mother and then either my brother or I will end up with it.

Maybe in your family it is a watch? Or a painting? Or something totally different?

In the Ancient Near East, Israel and the surrounding areas, you pass down your generational wealth through children. Likewise, when rulers died, they handed down their kingdoms to their next of kin.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is speaking to the priests and teachers of the law in the temple and he tells them a story. You can read it in Matthew 21:33-46.

Who is the landowner in the story?

Who are the slaves/servants?

Who is the son?

Where do you think the priests and teachers placed themselves in the story?

Jesus is very explicit with them at the end of this passage. What does he tell them is going to happen to them? How did they react?

It seems that this episode of him teaching in the temple is building up to something. Where do you think this is all leading?