

The Greedy Farm Workers

based on Matthew 21:33–46

When Jesus was in Jerusalem, he taught in the temple. The chief priests and the elders, the religious leaders of the Jews, came to him. After talking with Jesus, Jesus told them this story:

A farmer planted a vineyard, a field of grapevines. He rented the vineyard to some farm workers and set off on a trip.

When it was time to pick the grapes, the farmer sent some of his servants to the vineyard to get his share of the grapes. But the farm workers beat the servants and even killed some of them.

The farmer decided to send more servants to get the grapes that belonged to him.

The farm workers beat and killed them, too.

Now what was the farmer going to do? He thought to himself, I will send my son, for surely they will respect him.

So the farmer's son went to the vineyard. These cruel farm workers said to one another, "Here comes the farmer's son. If we kill him, the farmer won't send anyone else for the grapes and this vineyard will be ours."

That is just what the farm workers did. Now what do you think the farmer will do to the farm workers?

The religious leaders of the Jews answered, “The farmer will get rid of those cruel, greedy farm workers and get new honest, kind workers.”

“Yes,” said Jesus, “God's kingdom will be taken away from you and given to a different people.”

Mixed-up Words

Unscramble the mixed-up words from the story. Use the circled letters to answer the question: What will be taken from the cruel and greedy farm workers and given to different people?

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