

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

Luke 20:1-19

Key Verse: 20:9b

"A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time."

Study Questions

1. Where was Jesus and what was he doing when the religious leaders approached him with a question? What was their question and what lay behind it? How did Jesus field the question? Why couldn't they answer his counter-question?
2. Read verse 9. How does this verse reflect Genesis 2? To whom does "a man" refer? In what way do "some farmers" represent mankind? God's people? (Isa 5:1-7) What was the owner's desire? (Jn 15:16 Ex 19:5-6a; Ro 1:5; 1Th 5:16-18)
3. How were the tenants blessed? Read verse 10. What reveals the corruption of the tenants?
4. Read verses 11-15. What was in the owner's heart when he sent servants? To what extent did he persist? What does this reveal about the heart of the owner?
5. How did the tenants' evil actions escalate? What does this reveal about fallen man? What will the owner do? How was this parable fulfilled by Jesus? What did he mean by quoting Ps 118:22,23? What does this teach about God?