

Vs. 1-8 Jesus was teaching in the Temple

- The authorities asked ...
 - What authority ... who gave it?
- Jesus asked
 - What about John
 - They equivocated ...
 - I won't tell you

Vs. 9-16 Another parable:

- A vineyard owner ... tenants
 - After a season ...
 - they beat the first
 - they beat and dishonored the second
 - they wounded the third
 - The beloved they killed & threw out
- The owner will destroy the tenants ...
 - No!

Vs. 17-19 Jesus' response

- Psalm 118
- Whoever falls over that stone ...
 - They were afraid

Vs. 20-26 A further assault:

- Spies sent to entrap ("We know ...")
 - Is it lawful?
- He perceived ...
- They marveled ...

Key words/ thoughts: believe (πιστεύω); to stone (καταλιθάζω); vineyard (ἀμπελών); give out (ἐκδίδωμι); season (καιρός); beat (δέρω); dishonor (ἀτιμάζω); beloved (ἀγαπητός); proceed (προστίθημι); send away (ἀποστέλλω); throw out (ἐκβάλλω); wound (τραυματίζω); respect (ἐντρέπω); heir (κληρονόμος); kill (ἀποκτείνω); destroy (ἀπόλλυμι); No! (); look at (ἐμβλέπω); crush (συνθλάω); break in pieces (συνθλάω); seize (καταλαμβάνω); lawful (ἔξεστιν); craftiness (πανουργία); silent (σιωπάω)

Questions:

What is ironic about the authorities questioning Jesus' authority? What dynamic was operative?

Presently, to whom could Jesus' parable of the tenants be applied? What do you think about that application?

What is the message about the stone? How do you feel about that message? Why?

Are you giving to God what belongs to God?

