

The Rejection of Jesus' Authority – Luke 20:9-18

I. Men Reject the Authority of God (parable)(9-12)

A. The man gave authority of his vineyard to tenants (9)

1. He planted the vineyard (God created)
2. He gave the use of it to tenants
3. He was going away

B. The man wanted a part of the harvest (10a)

1. He sent a servant in his name
2. He sent him to collect “some” fruit

C. The man's authority is rejected (10b)

1. They beat the servant
2. They sent him away with nothing

D. The man's authority is repeatedly rejected (11-13)

1. The Grace of the owner
 - a. He sent two more servants
 - b. He simply wanted what was his
2. The Rebellion of the tenants
 - a. They beat the servants
 - b. They treated them shamefully
 - c. They sent them away with nothing

II. Men Reject the Opportunity of God (13-15)

A. The owner sent his son to the tenants (13)

1. “I will send my beloved son”
2. “Surely they will respect him”
 - a. The son represented the owner's authority
 - b. He came in authority, not as a servant

B. The tenants reject and kills the son (14-15a)

1. They recognized the son
2. They decided to kill him
3. They decided to take his inheritance
4. They threw him out of the vineyard

III. God Rejects the Authority of Man (15b-18)

A. The owner's wrath is displayed (15b-16a)

1. The owner comes and destroys them
2. The owner gives the vineyard to others

B. The People would not accept God's rejection

1. The Jews didn't think God would reject them

C. Jesus shows them the truth (17-18)

1. Jesus demonstrated this truth from their scriptures
 - a. The builders reject the cornerstone
 - b. They are broken over the stone
 - c. They are crushed by the stone