

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for June 14, 1987**

**The Rejectors will be Judged**  
**Matthew 21:33-46**  
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Introduction: Jesus is in full control of the events of His earthly life. “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, the ransom of many.”

Jesus’ actions in Jerusalem have irritated and antagonized the Jewish leaders. He cleansed the temple. He displaced His authority, provoked the Jewish leaders by rebuking them.

Jesus is orchestrating His own death because we needed a Savior.

Jesus continues to confront the Jewish leaders with parables that expose their evil hearts.

The parable is realistic in the beginning with the vineyard and the renting of it. It becomes absurd with the number of slaves sent and their treatment, even more absurd with the sending of the son.

The amount of abuse the landowner took is exceedingly great.

Jesus puts a question to the Jewish leaders, “What will the landowners do now?” This is after the death of his son, his only son.

The Jewish leaders answer, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end.”

Jesus agrees with and repeats their answer. Then the Jewish leaders realize the parable is about them and then reply, “May it never be” (**Luke 20:16; Psalm 118:22-23; Acts 4:10-11**).

Christ verifies from Scripture exactly what He is talking about (**1 Peter 2:9**).

**Verse 43**, “Therefore the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.” It will be taken from Israel and given to the church.

**Verse 44**, Christ rejectors will be judged whether active or passive.

**Verse 45-46**, The Jewish leaders respond just as Jesus knew they would. They want to kill Jesus.

Christ is in control; this is what He wants because of His love for us.