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1. The Parable of the Vineyard (Matt 21:33-46)

**A. The Vineyard Belongs to the Lord.**

- a. We are all “builders” in His vineyard.
- b. The time of harvest approaches.
- c. God desires what is His.
- d. God sends His heir.
- e. The vine growers/renters want to claim the owner’s vineyard for themselves.
- f. They kill the heir and throw him out of the vineyard.

B. Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22-23, “The stone which the builders **rejected** Has become the chief corner stone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD’S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.”

**C. We can REJECT Jesus as individuals and as a society.**

- “The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.”  
— William Booth
- The fruit of a nation?
- *Our children are now born without purpose, live without conviction, and die without significance.*
- **Jesus is the foundation of LIFE and community!**

D. “He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.” Matt 21:44

- **One way or another, this stone will break you!**

**E. The Owner is COMING!**