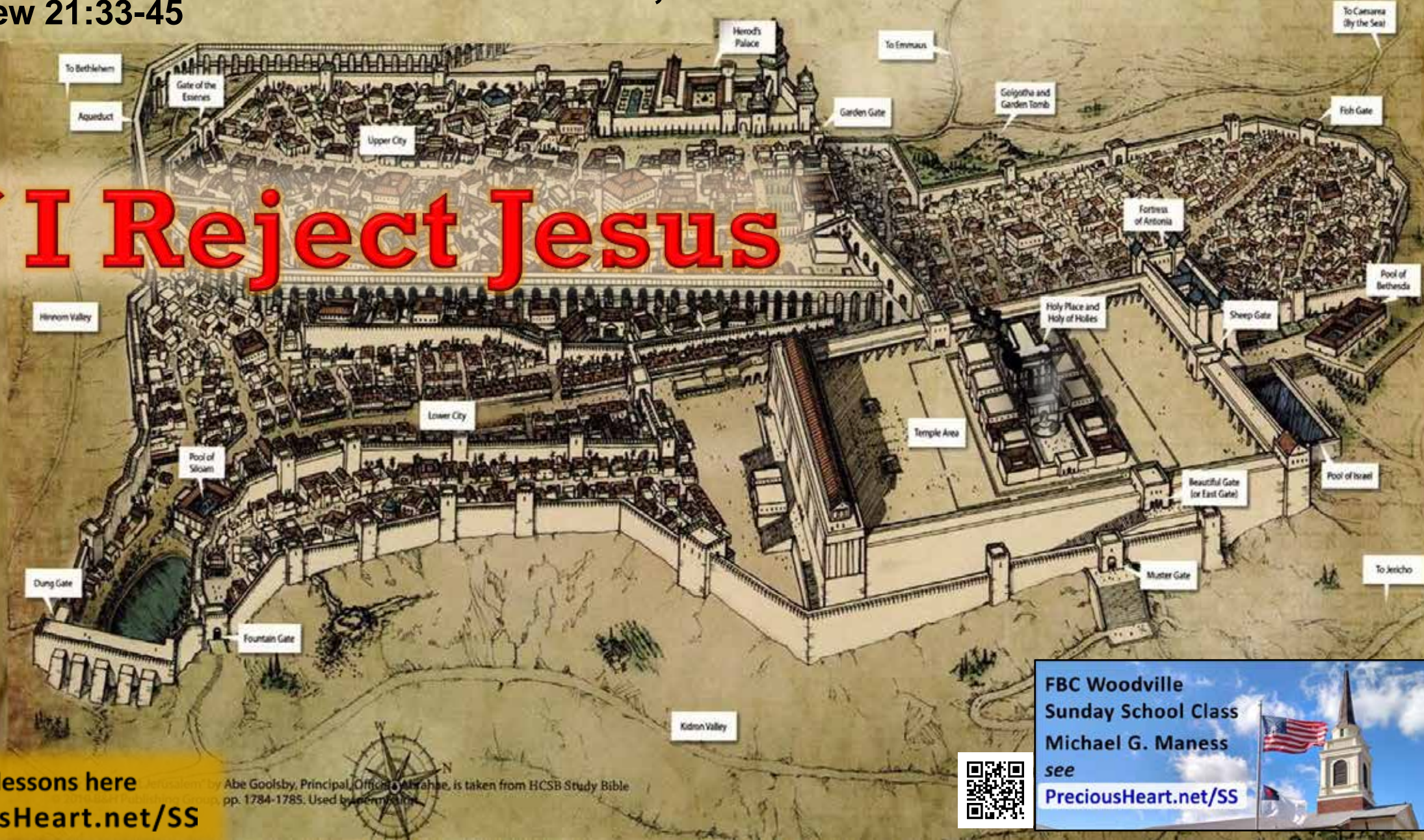


April 2  
Matthew 21:33-45

Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33

# If I Reject Jesus



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Mount of  
Olives

Temple of Herod Southeast Corner by James Tissot (1836-1902)

# Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28

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Parable  
Parable  
Happy Easter  
Parable

# Lesson Author's Theme

## Jesus is central in God's plan of redemption

Matthew

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**21:14-32** Heals & Confronts Connivers

**21:33-37** Son Sent – Landowner's Servants Beaten by Tenants

**21:38-39** Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

**21:40-46** Owner Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns



Christ before Caiaphas, c. 1630  
by Matthias Stom (1615-49)



**Key Verse Matthew 21:42**

**Jesus said to them, "Have you  
never read in the Scriptures:**

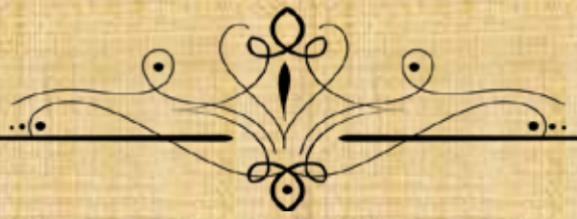
**'The stone the builders rejected  
has become the CORNERSTONE;  
the Lord has done this, and it is  
marvelous in our eyes'?"**





Alternate Title

**Prophetic**  
**Parable for the**  
**Church**



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

**14** The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

This ... my friends ... is



Healing the BLIND ... the LAME



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650  
by Nicolas Poussin

**Jesus is  
HEALING ALL**

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

Forget the circus elephants ...

Forget the bicycle-riding monkey ...

Forget the young girls in tutus on the flying trapeze



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

**14** The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

This ... my friends ... is TRULY



THE  
GREATEST  
SHOW  
ON EARTH



Heal the Blind Man, 1650  
by Nicolas Poussin

yet, some CLOWNS do show up

Jesus has a good  
parable for the  
**CLOWNS**

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

To the TEMPLE they came ...

Rich and Poor ...

### The Greatest Show on Earth

<sup>15</sup> Chief priests & Top Clowns were indignant

Indignant =

anger over injustice, a wrong

They could not handle the truth

Religious LEADERS connived

*Healing – bad if NOT from them*

*Worship – ONLY through them*

Christ before Caiaphas, c. 1630  
by Matthias Stom (1615-49)



at the Blind Man, 1650  
Nicolas Poussin



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

Jesus – healing Rich and Poor .. at NO cost!

### THE Greatest Show on Earth

Healing the BLIND – they cannot fight that

Religious LEADERS hated Jesus for

- ✓ Stealing their show of piety
- ✓ Disrupting their graft on prayer
- ✓ Confounding their view of God
- ✓ Confronting their blindness

For the religious leaders ... not just tables

**Their WORLD ... turned upside down**



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650  
by Nicolas Poussin

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

Jesus just DRIVES it home

<sup>16</sup> “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,  
“ ‘From the lips of children and infants you,  
Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

They could not handle the TRUTH

Kind of reminds me of a  
not-so-old movie scene

1992 movie, *A Few Good Men*

Tom Cruise plays a head-strong lawyer

Goes after Jack Nicholas, an egotistic

**Col. Nathan R. Jessup**

a proud over-the-top Marine Commandant

YOU  
CAN'T  
HANDLE  
THE  
TRUTH!





## Without Video Clip *For PowerPoint Show:*

[www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Matthew-21B.ppsx](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Matthew-21B.ppsx)



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

<sup>16</sup> “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

Jesus slaps their faces ...

Even *CHILDREN* know better ...

Chief Priests and Top Clowns ...

They could NOT  
handle THE Truth

THE way, THE Life



Like Col. Nathan R. Jessup  
Chief Priests & Top Clowns

SERIOUSLY believed ...

They WERE the TRUTH

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

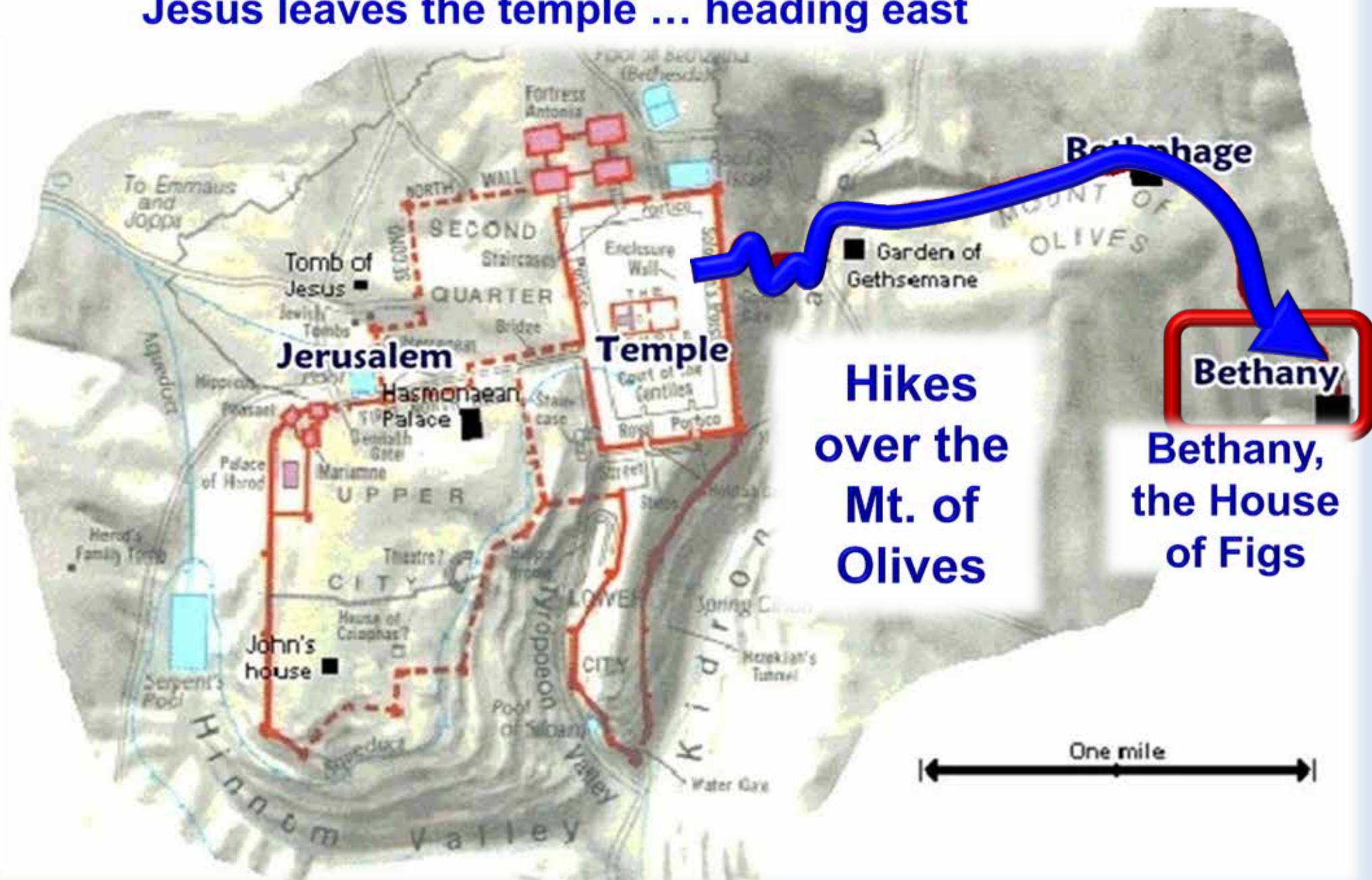
**17** And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

**Jesus leaves the Temple ... heads for Bethany**



Bethany, 1865

## Jesus leaves the temple ... heading east





## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

Yeah ... I would not want to spend the night in Jerusalem either ...

**Bethany** – House of Figs or Dates

- ü Where Jesus raised Lazarus
- ü Where Martha & Mary lived
- ü Where Simon the leper lived
- ü Where Mary anointed Jesus for his burial, Judas complained, only  
*Mary seemed to KNOW*



Bethany, 1865

Across the  
Kidron Valley  
Up & over the  
Mt. the Olives  
To Bethany  
**Home of  
many friends**

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

**18** Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to Jerusalem, he was hungry.

**19-20** Jesus curses a barren fig tree & it dies.

Amazed disciples ask, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” ...

Really? ... reallllyy ?????

Jesus cursed the tree ... and they ask WHAT?

I guess they had not had their coffee yet

Not offended ... or surprised

Jesus gives them

one of our favorite verses:



Fig Tree Cursed woodcut, 1695  
by Joseph Christoph Weigel

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

**21** Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt,

**not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.**

**In Matthew 17, after Jesus came down from the Mt. of Transfiguration**

**A man approached Jesus about his son, who had seizures, causing him to fall into the fire ...**



Figs Cursed, Icon from Cathedral of St Andrew, Patras, Greece

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Co

### Matthew 17:18

**18** Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

**19** Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

**20** He replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain,

**‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”**



Jesus Heals Possessed Boy Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

**21** Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt,

not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain,

‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.

**22** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

From figs cursed ...  
To healing a demon-possessed boy ...  
To moving mountains ...  
Then ... to carte blanche ...  
to the Blank Check ...

**<sup>22</sup> If you believe, you will receive  
whatever you ask for in prayer.**

Really? ... yes, really!!!  
the caveat ...

the condition is “BELIEVE”

# ***BELIEVE***



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Connivers

Now ... talk about depressing!

The disciples asked why they could not  
Jesus told them they COULD ...

If only they **BELIEVED** ... and, tada ...

That's it ... **finis** ...

For certain, the disciples **BELIEVED**

Just NOT the way **JESUS BELIEVED**

Fear not ... it's true ...

If the disciples could not ... nor can you

Know there is more to this

More than Jesus wanted to share



## 21:14-32 Heals & Confronts Cor

**23** Jesus entered the temple courts ...  
chief priests ask, “By what authority  
are you doing these things?”

**24-25** Jesus asks about John’s baptism.

**25-27** John’s baptism—where from? Was  
it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They connive an answer, “Don’t know.”

Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you  
by what authority I am doing  
these things.”

Then Jesus gives another short parable

Baptism of Christ, First Luminous Mystery, 1690  
by Antoine Coypel (1661-1722)



## 21:28-32 Parable of Two Sons & John, Prostitutes, Tax Men

**28** “What do you think? Jesus tells a parable of a father asking two sons to go into the field.

- ✓ One says, “NO,” then goes –
- ✓ Other says, “YES,” but never goes

**31** “Which did father’s will?”

**“The first,” they answered.**

Jesus, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

**32** For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.





## Parables ...

**33** "Listen to another parable: There was a man, a landowner ...

**Parable = Greek παραβολή = *par-a-bow-lay***

**Teaching through a STORY = comparison or word illustration**

**Not a FABLE, that usually uses animals, plants and often fantasy**

**Short Tale or Story that illustrates or REVEALS a Universal Truth**

**Scholars of the Middle Ages took an allegorical approach**

**Meaning that EVERY element of the story related to life**


**Not the TRUE meaning of a parable ...**

**Usually a parable has ONE or just a FEW relations**





## Parables of Jesus

1. SOWER
  2. SEED GROWING SECRETLY
  3. MUSTARD SEED
  4. TENANTS
  5. BUDDING FIG TREE
  6. FAITHFUL SERVANT
  7. WHEAT AND TARES
  8. LEAVEN
  9. HIDDEN TREASURE
  10. THE PEARL
  11. THE NET
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12. LOST SHEEP
13. UNMERCIFUL SERVANT
14. LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD
15. TWO SONS
16. WEDDING FEAST
17. GOOD SAMARITAN
18. TEN VIRGINS
19. THE TALENTS
20. TWO DEBTORS
21. RICH FOOL
22. LOST COIN
23. PRODIGAL SON
24. UNJUST STEWARD

### 24 Parables

*Some add 25th*

**RICH MAN  
AND LAZARUS**

*I think it was in  
a class by itself*

## Parables ...

Perhaps the two Most Famous  
of Jesus' parables are

- ✓ The Prodigal Son
- ✓ The Good Samaritan

**Prodigal Son** ... several lessons  
**Value of the lost coming home**

Easiest, though, most Parable-like

**Good Samaritan**

Who is Your Neighbor?

**One that Helped**



Parable of the Good Samaritan, 1670, by Jan Wijnants

## 21:33-37 Son Sent – Landowner's Servants Beaten

**33** "Listen to another parable: There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower.

This parable's **TRUTH** is harder to see

**Harder to see**  
***IMMEDIATELY***

Almost an allegory  
because it is **LONG**

Applies in **SEVERAL**  
ways to many people

**Powerful & ominous**



Parable of Vineyard Laborers, c. 1580  
by Marten van Valckenborch (1535-1612)

## 21:33-37 Son Sent – Landowner's Servants Beaten

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable: a landowner ... plants a vineyard ... fences it ... dug a winepress ... built a watchtower.

*He did ALL the work*

He leased it to  
tenant farmers  
and he went away.

That is ...

God, the Father,  
trusted the Temple

**To the Jews**  
then went away!



Parable of Vineyard Laborers, c. 1580  
by Marten van Valckenborch (1535-1612)

October, with The  
Parable of the  
Wicked Tenants

Engraved by  
Adriaen Collaert  
(1560-1618)

After a painting  
by Hans Bol  
(1554-1593)

Notice October  
Scorpio – Scorpion

Christ speaking  
w priests ...



Vitiferum Dominus collem eleuat; ergo fideles  
Nilii oportuno vernas pro fenitibus anno

Natum etiam militi quem Apertum protinus illi  
Turgidi auaritia que odio inuidiaque trucidant. Matt. 21.

Wicked Husbandmen

an etching by  
Jan Luyken for the

Bowyer Bible by  
Robert Bowyer  
(1758-1834)



## 21:33-37 Son Sent – Landowner's Servants Beaten

**34** When the grape harvest drew near, he sent his slaves to the farmers to collect his fruit.

**35** But the farmers took his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

**36** Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first group, and they did the same to them.

That is ... God sent the prophets

And Jews killed the prophets too

**God's ownership was rejected!**



Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen Tenants

## 21:33-37 Son Sent – Landowner's Servants Beaten

The owner of the field ...

<sup>37</sup> Finally, he sent his son to them.  
'They will respect my son,' he said.

And they rejected the SON too ...

*Look at all that is happening*

Jewish LEADERS conspired ... **SLY**

Chief Priests **connive** ... to **KILL**

They deny that the world is round

They **SAW** the raising of **Lazarus** ... from  
Bethany, just over the Mt. of Olives

They **SEE** the healing of the **BLI**



Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen Tenants

## 21:38-39 Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

**Jesus is DRIVING THIS HOME!**

**38 "But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said among themselves,**

**'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance!'**

**39 So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.**

**This is a SIMPLE parable ...**

**Clear and Brutal**

**After this portion alone ...**



**Wicked Husbandmen of the Parable Murder the Son  
in the Phillip Medhurst Bible**

## 21:38-39 Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

After the **KILLING** of the SON

We ALL see and know ...

These were **WICKED** Tenants

Jesus is **CLEAR** ...

No moral ethic is needed

**NORMAL** sensitivities **SCREAM**

NO ONE doubts ... no one!

Tenants were trusted ...

Tenants betrayed that trust ...

Worse ... they **KILLED the SON**



Wicked Husbandmen of the Parable Murder the Son  
in the Phillip Medhurst Bible

## 21:38-39 Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

Jesus drives this HOME

Worse ... they killed

They KILLED their

**BENEFACTOR**

Murder is bad, bad, bad!

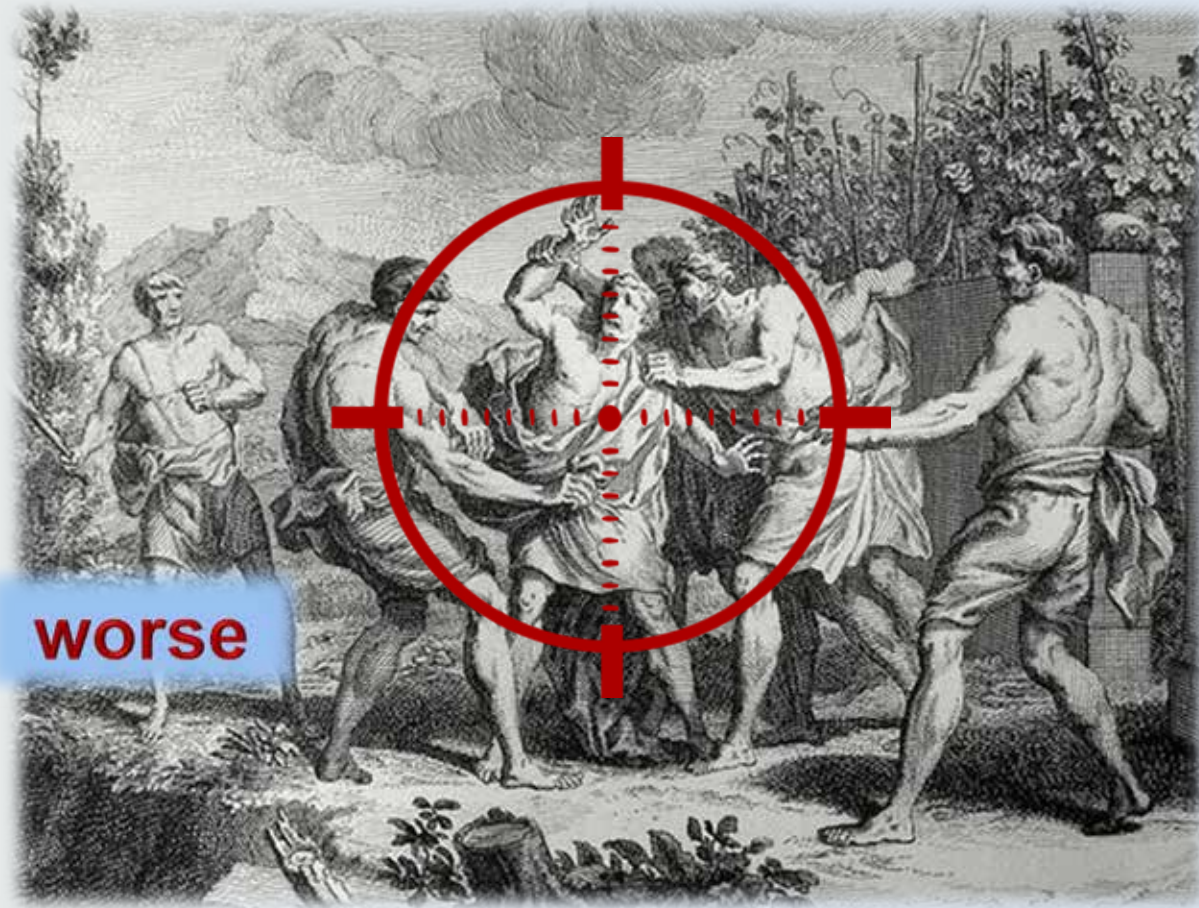
**KILL** the one who **HELPED** you is

**KILL** the one who **EMPLOYED** you

**KILL** the one who gave you **LIFE**

They betrayed a **benevolence** ...

**ah, ALL THERE THAT DAY SAW**



**worse**

Wicked Husbandmen of the Parable Murder the Son  
in the Phillip Medhurst Bible

## 21:38-39 Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

Jesus drives this HOME

Life is NOT fair ... sure, we know

Then see the wicked ... the rotten

JEWISH LEADERS themselves

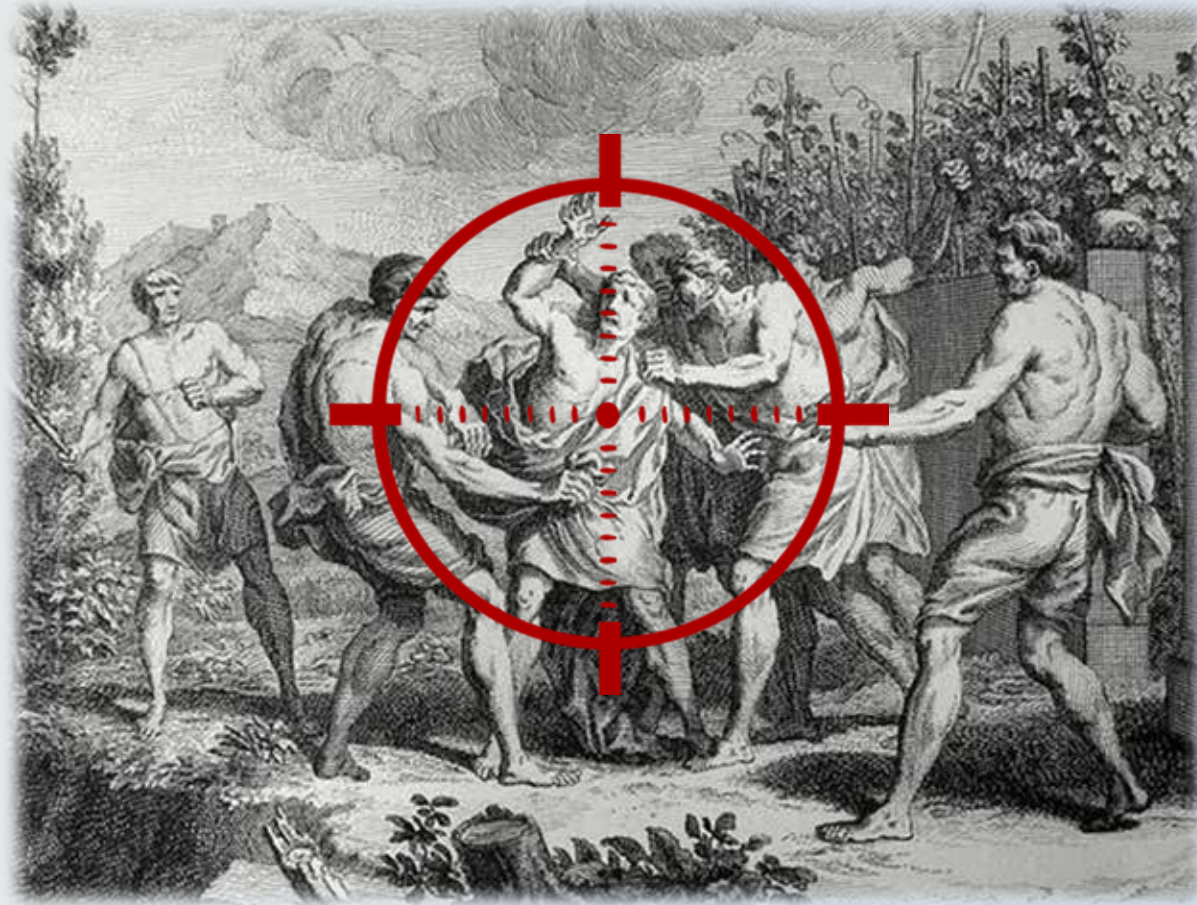
God was their

**BENEFACTOR**

Jesus, the SON, was HEALING

**THEY WANT TO KILL JESUS**

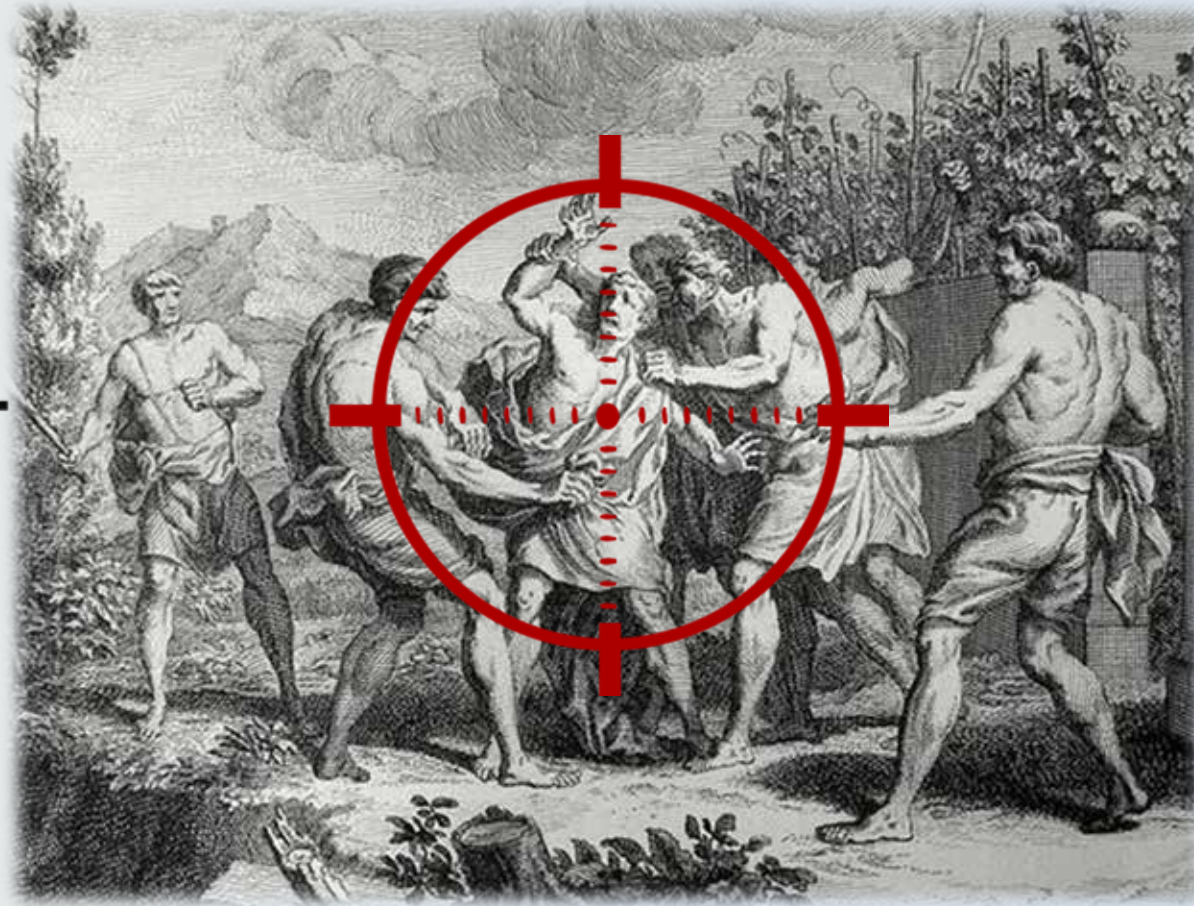
ah, Jesus has *already* told his  
disciples about this ...



Wicked Husbandmen of the Parable Murder the Son  
in the Phillip Medhurst Bible

## 21:38-39 Son Rejected – Tenants Kill Son

*After* cleansing the temple  
*After* healing more and more ...  
*After* the cursed fig tree ...  
*After* healing demon-possessed ...  
*After* parable of two sons ...  
*After* proving “by what authority”  
Jesus DRIVES home wickedness  
**Jewish leaders are WICKED**  
**NOT** keeping TRUST God gave them  
Even reading their minds ...



Wicked Husbandmen of the Parable Murder the Son  
in the Phillip Medhurst Bible

## **21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns**

**40 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?"**

**What? ... at this point ...**

**Clarity of the Justice is plain**

**They deserved destruction**

**Remember, when Jesus came  
THIS time up the Jericho Road ...**

**When at Bethphage he looked at  
Jerusalem ... according to Luke**

**Jesus wept over Jerusalem**



**The tragic prophecy in  
Luke is worth recalling**

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

**Luke 19 – <sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city,**

***he wept over it***

**<sup>42</sup> and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.**

**<sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.**



**Caveat ...**

**Prepare yourself for the  
Saddest day in Jewish History**

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

Luke 19:44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls.

They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.

Jesus said this *yesterday*

Now, after MORE healing

Jesus drives it home with a simple, yet very *brutal prophetic parable.*



Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71  
Yeshiva University Museum, New York (2003)  
Gift of Michael Jesselson

Jesus Gave a Prophecy *yesterday*

Today, he curses a fig, gives a parable of two sons

Then **DRIVES** home with a parable ... that is a prophecy too



Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71

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**Parable of Wicked Tenants ... who deserve *DESTRUCTION***  
**The Wicked Jewish Leaders ... BAD Tenants of God's CARE**  
**Temple curtain will be TORN ... CHURCH will take over CARE**



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## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

**40 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?"**

**Not pleasant ...**

**Clarity of the Justice—easy to see**

**They *deserved* destruction**

**41 "He will completely destroy those terrible men," they told Him, "and lease his vineyard to other farmers who will give him his produce at the harvest."**

**New Lease? ... to whom?**



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**The Church Will Be  
God's Hand in the World**

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

**42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the CORNERSTONE.**

**This came from the Lord and is wonderful in our eyes?**

**43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing its fruit.**

**Reject Jesus ... reject ALL**

**Accept Jesus ... get ALL**



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**One would think that would  
be enough ...**

***but Jesus continues***

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

RECALL the **WEEPING** Prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction ...

RECALL a parable on two sons

Then a longer, more detailed, brutal parable on wicked tenants

**ENOUGH** already ... *but NO!*

Jesus adds to **ALL THE ABOVE**

Quoting & Expounding their own holy scriptures ... *at length!*



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**CORNERSTONE ... <sup>44</sup> Whoever falls on this STONE will be broken to pieces; but ON whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder!"**

Cornerstones were set for  
every major project.

Temple, Palaces, City Wall



Jerusalem and the Temple of Herod by James Tissot (1836-1902)

## **21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns**

### **CORNERSTONE ...**

**44 Whoever falls on this STONE will be broken to pieces; but ON whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder!"**

**Most serious prophecy ...**

**In Architecture and older Masonry the CORNERSTONE was KEY**

**By it ALL the rest of the building was set and squared ...**

**Cornerstone was also the BEST the most beautiful piece of stone**



## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

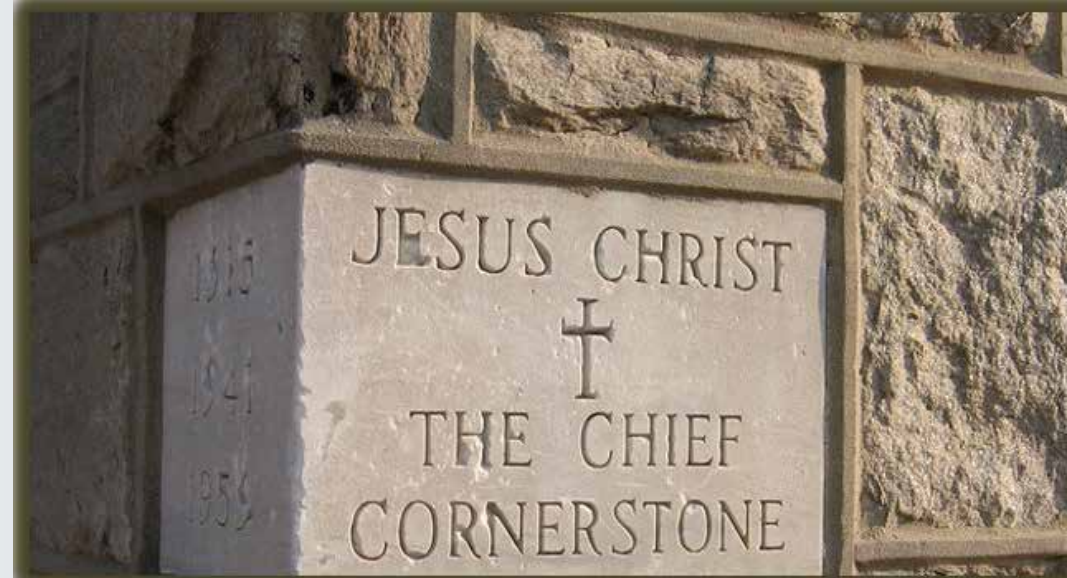
### CORNERSTONE ...

Acts 4:11, stone which ... is become the **HEAD OF THE CORNER**.

Ephesians 2:20-22, And are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **CHIEF CORNER STONE**..

1 Peter 2:4-8, **almost poetic**

**As you come to him, the Living Stone ... you also, like Living Stones, are being built into a Spiritual House ...**



**“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious**

**CORNERSTONE**

**the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”**

# Jerusalem Today

Wailing Wall  
foundation stones  
to Herod's Temple

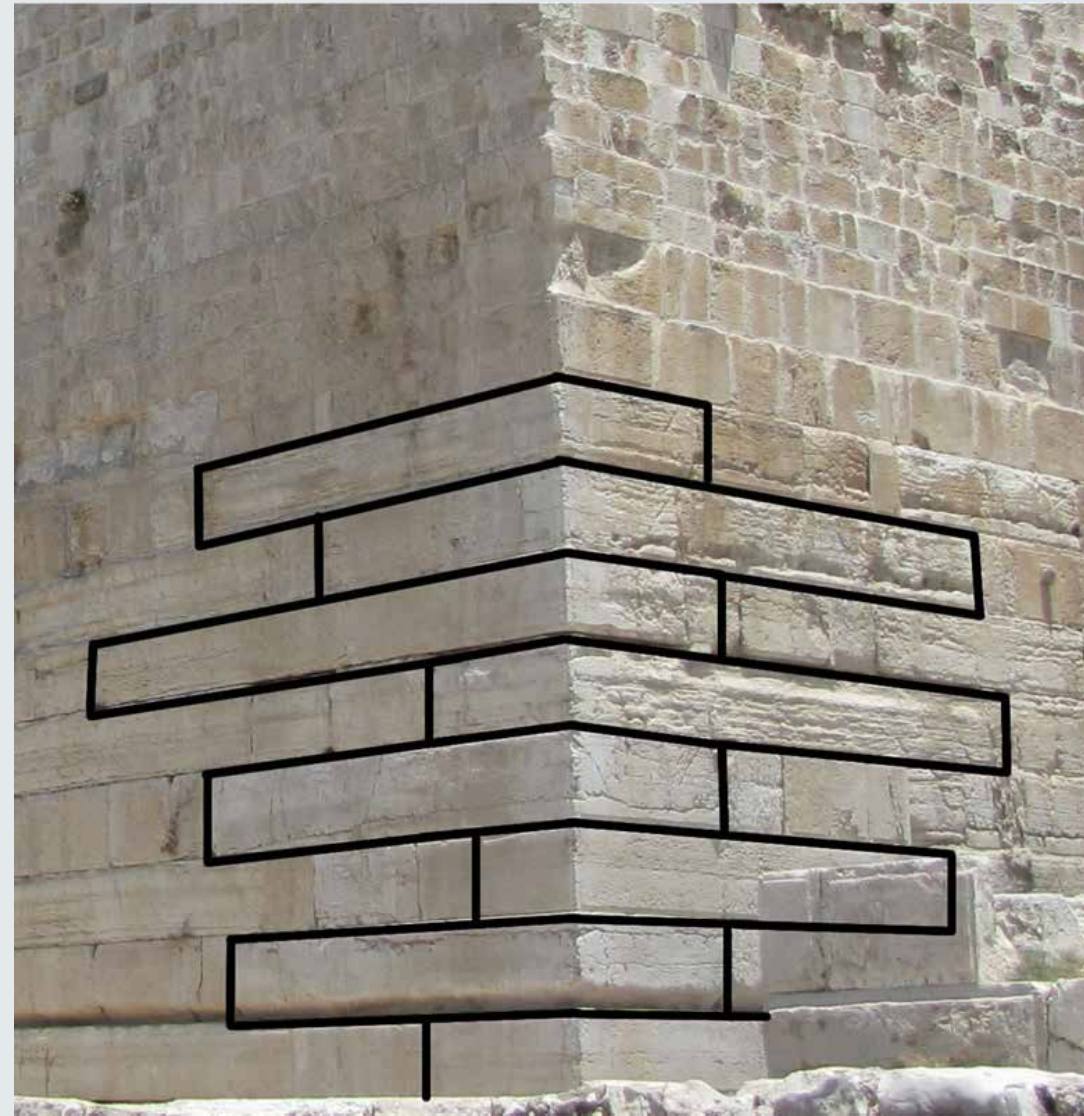


# The Cornerstone

**Ashlars SW corner Temple Mount**

**Some weigh 80 tons**

**40 x 8 x 3.5 feet, interlocking**



## The Cornerstone

Nebuchadnezzar Cunneiform Cylinder  
8.25" x 3.25" – *tells of a cornerstone*

2014, Auctioned by Doyle, of New York  
for whopping \$605,000

1st Temple by Solomon c. **970 B.C.**

Nebuchadnezzar destroyed in **587 B.C.**

Nebuchadnezzar rebuilt temples all over  
Babylonia ... **Sippar**, already 2,000 yrs  
old when Jerusalem was razed in 587

2nd Temple c. **516 B.C.** Ezra/Nehemiah

King Herod renovated c. **20 B.C.**



E-barra, the radiant abode of  
the gods ... which had long  
ago fallen into disrepair in  
**Sippar**.... I found its old  
cornerstone.... Over its old  
cornerstone I laid its  
foundation. ... I caused it to  
shine like the bright day.

*Sippar occupied in 2500 B.C.*

Cornerstones were set for  
every major project.  
Temple, Palaces, City Wall



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## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

Jesus TIES the parable to THEIR own scriptures and gives another  
**PROPHECY**

**44 Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder!"**

Jesus is foretelling the  
**Doom of the Clowns**

Chief Priests & Top Clowns  
turned the Temple into a  
**Den of Thieves**



Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71  
Yeshiva University Museum, New York (2003)

**Chief Priests ...  
seek to KILL Jesus**

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

Jesus drives home

44 .... on whomever it FALLS,  
it will grind him to POWDER!"

Jesus foretells their DOOM

A.D. 70 Jerusalem Destroyed

*Temple Closed for good*



Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (2003)

**Church Opens**



## **21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns**

**Jesus gave a parable that was also a prophecy ...**

**Then he doubled up on it ...**

**Jesus hammered from their Scriptures ... undeniable**

**Then Jesus clarifies all with himself as Cornerstone**

**Chief Priests, Top Clowns SAW**

**21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they knew He was speaking about them.**



Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71  
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**In a clarity NO ONE can miss  
In a parable ALL could see**

## 21:40-46 Destroys Tenants – Rejected Cornerstone Reigns

Chief Priests & Top Clowns  
are slain with a simple parable

<sup>46</sup> Although they were looking for  
a way to arrest Him, they feared  
the crowds, because they—  
*the people, laborers in the field*—  
regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Indeed ... the Greatest Show

Jesus,  
*HEALING ALL in the TEMPLE*

At the SAME time  
*Debunking the Clowns*



Soon ... the cross  
Temple Curtain Torn  
*Church Begins*



# Parable of Wicked Tenants

*Is also the*  
**Parable of the Old Tenants'**  
***Destruction to Dust***

*is also the*  
**Parable of the Old Tenants'**  
***Replacement with the Church***

**Clowns tripped on the Cornerstone**

**Cornerstone FELL on the Clowns**  
**grinding them to dust**

**At the Cross, the Curtain Tore**

**At Pentecost, the Church Rose**



Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, A.D. 71  
Yeshiva University Museum, New York (2003)

**A.D. 70, Temple Destroyed**  
**Prophecy Fulfilled**

**Jesus' Healing of  
the Blind & Lame in the Temple**

**Gives way to the Church Today**

**CHURCH Giving SPIRITUAL**

**Sight to the Blind –**

**we SEE with our Heart**

**Healing to the Lame –**

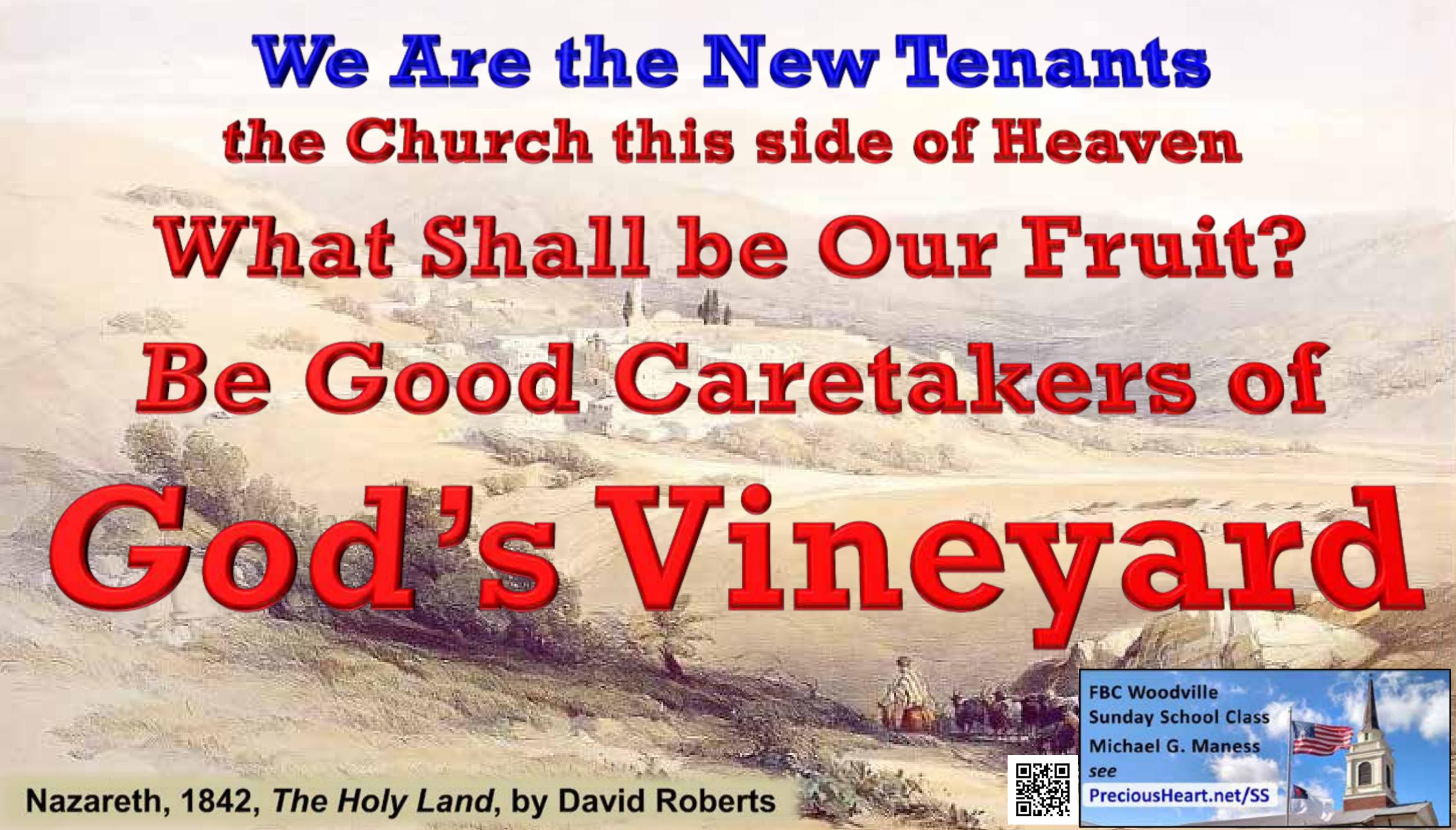
**we WALK by Faith**

**No more Temple ... now**

**Christ now LIVES in us ...**



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650  
by Nicolas Poussin



**We Are the New Tenants**  
**the Church this side of Heaven**  
**What Shall be Our Fruit?**  
**Be Good Caretakers of**  
**God's Vineyard**

Nazareth, 1842, *The Holy Land*, by David Roberts



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