

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The son who said he would obey, and then didn't, represented whom?
2. The son who did not obey, and then repented afterward, represented whom?
3. In the parable of the wicked farmers, whom did the householder represent?
4. What did the vineyard represent?
5. Whom did the husbandmen represent?
6. Whom did the householder's servants represent?
7. Whom did the son represent?
8. Whom did the other husbandmen represent?
9. What does verse 44 mean?

### SUMMARY:

Jesus faced great opposition in His ministry on earth. However, He came not to please men, but rather to save men.

The Jewish religious leaders condemned themselves by their own words in their replies to Jesus' questions concerning these two parables. Realizing this they should have humbled themselves and repented. But instead they only resented Him more and "sought to lay hands on Him..." (vs. 45, 46).

What effect does God's Word have on you? [\[SoF:8\]](#)

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

November 20, 2022

Fourth Quarter

### THE KING OPPOSED

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Matthew 21:28-46*

**LESSON SETTING:** Near and about Jerusalem one week before the crucifixion of Christ.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D.

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#### I. OPPOSITION ILLUSTRATED. Matthew 21:28-32

- A. True Repentance (vs. 28-29) Matthew 3:8; Luke 15:17-21; Acts 26:20
- B. Vain Profession (vs. 30) Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 15:8; 23:2-3; Titus 1:16
- C. The Parable Explained (vs. 31-32) Luke 7:29-30

#### II. OPPOSITION EXPOSED. Matthew 21:33-41

- A. Israel as God's Tenants (vs. 33-34) Matthew 25:14; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9
- B. Unfaithful Stewards (vs. 35, 36) Matthew 23:34-35, 37; 24:48-51; Matthew 25:24-30
- C. Christ Rejected and Crucified (vs. 37-39) Matthew 27:22, 25; Acts 2:23; Hebrews 1:1-2
- D. Israel Replaced by the Church (vs. 40, 41, 43) Acts 28:25-28; Romans 9:25-33; 11:17-25

#### III. OPPOSITION PUNISHED. Matthew 21:42-46

- A. The Cornerstone Rejected (vs. 42) Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-8
- B. Israel Condemned (vs. 43-44) Luke 21:6, 24
- C. Christ and His Words Resented (vs. 45-46)

**GOLDEN TEXT: *THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED THE SAME IS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER.***

Matthew 21:42

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 22:1-14  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Zechariah 3:1-7

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING AND THE WEDDING

**INTRODUCTION:**

As Jesus had done several times before, He begins this parable, "This kingdom of heaven is like unto..."

To Israel had been given all the scriptures, the promises, and the teachings concerning the coming Messiah. Now He at last had come. John the Baptist had preached "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus and likewise His disciples had preached, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." (Matthew 22:4)

But among the thousands of Israel who had been bidden, few came when they were now asked to come. John the Baptist, Jesus, and many of His disciples who had carried the message to come, were rejected and killed.

As a result of Israel's rejection, Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and the Jews were scattered everywhere among the nations. The message of the Gospel—the invitation and the great privilege to come—was now extended to the Gentiles (namely, the heathen).

Not only the "religious", or the "respectable" or "honorable", but "as many as ye shall find", "both bad and good", not those in the synagogues who had been bidden before, but those in the crossroads. None (except those who had already declined) were now to be excluded from this blessed privilege. All were urged to come.

Dear Friend - have you come?

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Without the garment of Christ's righteousness we cannot be partakers of salvation.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN.*  
Matthew 22:14

All are invited to the wedding feast. Christ died for all. He would have "all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth". (1 Tim. 2:4) He is "... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) He has said, "come ... whosoever will ..." (Revelation 22:17)

Alas! So many ignore the call. All sorts of silly excuses are given. There is no greater honor, no greater privilege, no greater glory than to be invited to this wedding feast of our great God and King! And yet so many reject the invitation.

On the other hand, some come to the feast. But they are "good enough". No wedding garment needed. No sins to wash away. No lives for Christ to change. No wrongs to confess. No help needed from God. No realization that "all our righteousness are as filthy rags." (Isaiah 64:6)

To be chosen, we must come. Secondly, to be chosen we must wear the blood-washed robe of white which God so graciously provides. No substitutes accepted! "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but ... justified by His grace ..." (Titus 3:5-7)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 21 – 27**

- M. The King's Message on the Law. Matthew 5:17-24
- T. His Message on Possessions. Matthew 6:19-34
- W. \*The King and the Wedding. Matthew 22:1-14
- T. His Message on Christianity. Matthew 22:34-46
- F. His Message on Pride. Matthew 23:1-12
- S. His Message on Troublous Days. Matthew 24:1-14
- S. His Message on His Return. Matthew 24:21-31

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