

The Table Salt Devos

"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of Oct 5th"

Matthew 21:33-46

33"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. **34**When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. **35**"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. **36**Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. **37**Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. **38**"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' **39**So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40**"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **41**"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." **42**Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? **43**"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. **44**He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." **45**When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. **46**They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!



Describe your best friend!
Can your family guess
who it is?



1. How did the landowner prepare his vineyard?
2. What did the landowner do at harvest time?
3. How did the tenants of the vineyard treat the landowner's servants?
4. What did the landowner do after his servants were attacked?
5. What did the landowner decide to do next? Did this work?
6. Finally, who did the landowner decide to send to the tenants?
7. What did the tenants say to themselves after they realized the landowner had sent his son in? What did they do?
8. In this story, who does the landowner represent? The son? The tenants represent?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

God's Word softens our hearts like wax. It moves us to love Jesus – even as we crucify Him day after day. Think of your favorite Bible verse. If you don't have one, take time to find one. Write this verse on a piece of paper and cut each word out. Mix the words up, and have your family put them back in order so that everyone can read the Word of God.