

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title: VINEYARD SYLLABUS**

**Main Text:** Mat 21:28-46

**Sermon Description:** Matthew 21 documents a distinct change in Jesus' tone of teaching as the scope of His kingdom declaration expands to specify the judgment edicts and inscrutably wise sovereignty of the Triune God. Note in this section a rare reference to the Kingdom in Matthew's gospel... 'Kingdom of God' as opposed to his preferred 'Kingdom of Heaven' language (31 references to 4). Jesus' most explicit and direct references to His rule are reserved for His detractors. Even the response of the hearers (chief priests, elders, and Pharisees) serves to underscore His teaching in this chapter of His ministry. The hard-of-heart cannot help but validate His prophecy immediately with their attitude of defiance (45-46). Let us consider these vineyard parables as a matching set, recognizing the second expands and expounds the first.

**Heading: LESSONS FROM THE VINEYARD PARABLES OF MAT 21...**

**1. WHO ARE THE TENANTS?**

- a. Repentant Jewish lowlives (31-32)
- b. Self-willed Jewish leaders (23,45)
- c. Gentile outsiders (43)

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**2. WHAT IS THE VINEYARD?**

- a. Teaching context (21:18-19, chap 13)
- b. Historical/didactic context (Is 5:1-7)
- c. Provisional grace

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**3. WHO IS THE SON & CORNERSTONE?**

- a. Cultural references
- b. O.T. References (Ps 118, Dan 2:34-35, Is 8:14-15)
- c. Prophetic references (38-39)

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**4. WHAT ARE KINGDOM FRUITS?**

- a. Repentance & faith (29,32)
- b. Works (21-22)
- c. Worship (15-16, 8-11)

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Close: At the conclusion of Mat 21, it was the sovereignty of society, the crowds, and public opinion to which the self-willed bowed... not the Cornerstone/Son. May it not be said of us, let us pray we learn the lessons of the vineyard parables...

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Tenants	N.T. Planting parables	O.T. Vineyard	Son & Stone	O.T. Stone	Kingdom fruits
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 21:28-41	Mt 13	Is 5:1-7	Mt 21:37-42	Dan 2:34-35, Is 8:14-15	Mt 21:8-16, 29-32

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Further Study' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Mat 22:1-14 -*wedding feast parable*