

*The Passion Week:*

- Sunday - a day of Messianic **presentation**
- Monday - a day of Messianic **power**
- Tuesday - a day of Messianic **proclamation** [conflict/controversy]

**THESIS — God shows us His divine judgment upon Israel's leaders. This is a story about *leadership*. Bad, corrupt, selfish, Christ-defying, prideful leaderships.**

>> I want you to see the Parable of the Vineyard re: Jesus in 4 scenes:

1. The Understandable Story (1-9)
2. The Unsurpassed Savior (10-11)
3. The Unexpected Shift (Matt 21.43)
4. The Ultimate Sentence (Matt 21.44, 45-46)

## **I. THE UNDERSTANDABLE STORY (1-9)**

- v.9 - Don't miss the *\*verbal actions\** of v.9 of the "owner" (lit: "*lord/master*")
  1. He will COME (*return!*)
  2. He will DESTROY (*ruin!*)
  3. He will GIVE (*replace!*)

## **II. THE UNSURPASSED SAVIOR (10-11)**

Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone:

1. Psalm 118:22
2. Acts 4:11
3. Romans 9:33
4. 1 Peter 2:6-8
5. Ephesians 2:20

### **III. THE UNEXPECTED SHIFT (Matt 21:43)**

### **IV. THE ULTIMATE SENTENCE (Matt 21:44, 45-46!)**

- Verse 44 speaks of their judgment in **2 ways**.
  1. one actively - they reject/trip over THIS STONE and are destroyed.
  2. one passively - Christ comes & falls on them in judgment & they're destroyed.

The lesson here in this text is this: though the Son is rejected by Israel's leadership, God's great plan will prevail. None can destroy the Son nor God's promise. (Darrell Bock)

- ❖ See the PLAN OF GOD - can't be thwarted!
- ❖ See the PATIENCE OF GOD - how merciful to delay!
- ❖ See the PERSISTENCE OF GOD - sent prophet(s)!
- ❖ See the PROVISION OF GOD - his \*own Son
- ❖ See the PROPHECY OF GOD - he would be rejected by men
- ❖ See the POUNDING OF GOD - He's the Rock that will crush
- ❖ See the PRAISE FOR CHRIST - God wants you to "respect My Son"

**THE REFORMATION HYMN**

We will trust God's Word alone,  
 Where his perfect will is known;  
 Our traditions shift like sand  
 While his Truth forever stands.  
 We will live by faith alone,  
 Clothed in merit not our own;  
 All we claim is Jesus Christ  
 And his finished sacrifice.

Glory be, glory be to God alone,  
 Through the church he redeemed and made his  
 own.

He has freed us, he will keep us till we're safely  
 home  
 Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone—  
 Undeserved, yet freely shown;  
 No accomplishment on earth  
 Can achieve the second birth.  
 We will stand on Christ alone,  
 The unyielding Cornerstone;  
 Nations rage and devils roar,  
 Still he reigns forevermore!

**RELENTLESS LOVE**

Relentless love embraced my soul in ages past—  
 Love undeserved, unknown, yet deep and vast.  
 God set His love on me—on me, in spite of me!  
 Salvation's work is His from first to last.

*Unbounded love, unfailing love,  
 Love raised upon a tree;  
 Unending love, prevailing love—  
 My Savior's sovereign love for me.*

Relentless love pursued my heart, though I would  
 hide  
 Was unreturned, yet undeterred by pride.  
 Till by a grace unsought, my rebel soul was caught  
 Redeemed by love that would not be denied.

Relentless love preserves my life from unbelief—  
 Sustains me through my sin, my doubt, my grief.  
 Since Christ has done it all, though feeble, I'll not  
 fall,  
 His wounded hands hold me, the sinners' chief.

Relentless love transforms my soul and its delights  
 Exceeds the fleeting joys which once sufficed.  
 Held by His love for me—a hold which sets me free!  
 I have my heart's desire, and that is Christ.

**I GREET THEE WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART**

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
that we can boldly conquer and endure.