

## Chapter 20

(1) And it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon *Him* with the elders,

(2) And spoke to Him, saying, Tell us, by what authority You do these things? or who is he who gave You this authority?<sup>a</sup>

(3) And He answered and said to them, **I will also ask you one thing; and you answer Me:**

(4) **The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?**

(5) And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; He will say, Why then did you not believe him?

(6) But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: because they are persuaded that John was a prophet.

(7) And they answered, that they could not tell from where *it was*.

(8) And Jesus said to them, **Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.**

(9) Then He began to speak to the people this parable; **A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it out to gardeners, and went into a far country for a long time.**<sup>b</sup>

(10) **And at the season he sent a servant to the gardeners, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the gardeners beat him, and sent *him* away empty.**

(11) **And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty.**

(12) **And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out.**

(13) **Then the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will respect *him* when they see him.**

(14) **But when the gardeners saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.**

(15) **So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do to them?**

(16) He shall come and destroy these gardeners, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, God forbid.

(17) And He saw them, and said, **What is this then that is written, The Stone which the builders rejected, the same has become the head of the corner?**<sup>c</sup>

(18) Whoever shall fall upon that Stone shall be broken; but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

(19) And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on Him; but they feared the people: because they perceived that He had spoken this parable against them.

20:2a – Mat. 21:23; Mk. 11:28

20:9b – Is. 5; Mat. 21:33f; Mk. 12:1f – see Appendix B: Recorded Parables of Jesus

20:17c - Ps 118:22; Is. 28:16; Mat. 21:42; Mk.12:10