



1. Introduction

- a. Luke was a doctor who wrote about Jesus life and about history of early church
- b. Luke's gospel has many parables
- c. Parable is earthly story with heavenly meaning
- d. Parable of Evil Vineyard Workers
- e. Vineyard supervisor & workers conspired to cheat landowner out of his profit from the harvest

2. The Landowner

- a. He has a vineyard of grapes
- b. He hires workers to take care of the grapevines
- c. He took a trip far away
- d. And he was gone for a long time.

3. Harvest time

- a. He sent one of his servants to receive his profit from the harvest
- b. The vineyard workers became thieves
 - They beat up the 1st servant
 - They beat up & mistreated the 2nd servant
 - They injured the 3rd servant & threw him off the property

4. The owner finally sent his beloved son
 - a. Landowner thought his own son would get better respect
 - b. Vineyard workers murdered landowner's son
 - c. Workers reasoned (thought) among themselves
 - We can steal the profit
 - Plus we can inherit the land & vineyard
 - They had delusions of grandeur
5. What did the landowner do?
 - a. He returned
 - b. He destroyed the workers
 - c. He hired in other workers
6. Jesus talks with chief priests & scribes
 - a. Jesus asks them, "What will landowner do?"
 - they answer that landowner has the right to punish the workers
 - b. Jesus quotes Psalm 118: 22-24
 - the builders rejected the stone
 - rejected became the main corner stone
 - this is the Lord's doing
 - c. God's corner stone will break & grind to powder the builders
 - d. Chief priests & scribes knew that Jesus spoke against them
 - e. Context: authority of God verses Jewish religious leaders (vs 1-8)