

## April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Sermon Bible Study (Lent 5)

### Sermon: Luke 20:9-19

<sup>1</sup>He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. <sup>10</sup>When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. <sup>13</sup>The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? <sup>18</sup>“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.” <sup>19</sup>That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. . .”

**Theme: May It Never Be!**

**Link to Audio Sermon:**

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/4-3-2022.mp3>

### Sermon Study Guide

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

**\* Note: The context and timing of this parable is extremely important. Jesus speaks these words on the Tuesday of Holy Week. This parable was spoken publicly, for all to hear, but directed towards those plotting Jesus’ death. It comes after his enemies had interrupted him and questioned his authority to teach. This parable is a sort of “last call” to repentance for Jesus’ adversaries.**

- 1. The vineyard owner shows patience and generosity in how he sets up his vineyard and rents it out to the farmers. Yet, they refuse to uphold their end of the agreement. How is this a picture of the Jewish leaders Jesus was speaking to? How does it relate to people today?**
- 2. The farmers go to great, and foolish, lengths to obtain what they believe is theirs by right. What great lengths were the Jewish leaders willing to go to because of their rejection of God’s gift? Has anything changed in that regard today?**
- 3. The people were devastated by what Jesus says. They strongly proclaim “May it never be!”. Their rejection of Christ had determined the final outcome, however. What is the final outcome for all who reject Jesus as Lord? How can we avoid such an outcome?**