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THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS

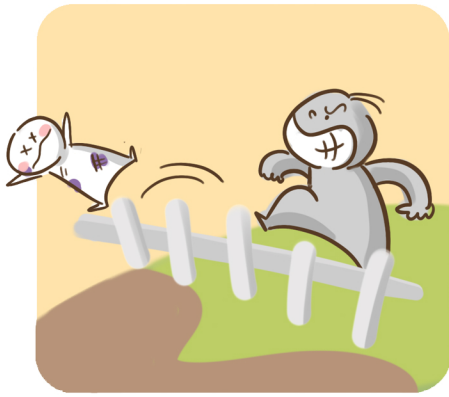
After entering Jerusalem, Jesus cleansed the Temple. He taught and healed people. The chief priests and teachers of the Law were angry. They demanded to know BY Whose AUTHORITY he did this.

9 And he began to tell the people this parable:

A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.



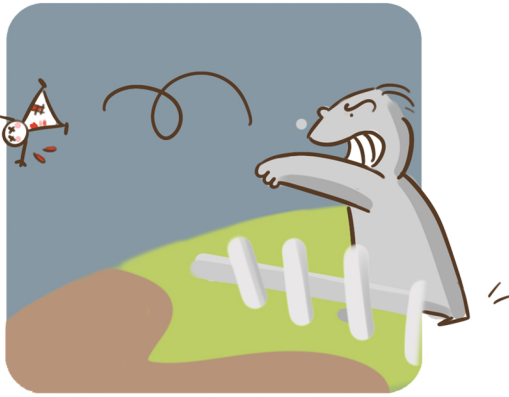
10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard.



But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.



11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.



12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.



13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.





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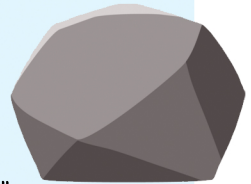
What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."



When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

17 But he looked directly at them and said,
"What then is this that is written:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?
18 Everyone who falls on that stone
will be broken to pieces,
and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."



19 The scribes and the chief priests
sought to lay hands on him at that very
hour; for they perceived that he had
told this parable against them, but they
feared the people.



END OF READING FOR DAY 2

DID YOU KNOW



Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22 to the religious leaders.



Psalm 113 through Psalm 118 were sung every year at the Passover meal (and still are by Jewish people today).



This set of Psalms is called the "Egyptian Hallel" (Hallel means praise) because they praise God for saving His people from Egypt.



This means Psalm 118 was the last song Jesus sang with His disciples at the last Supper before He was arrested and crucified.



Jesus wanted the religious leaders to understand that salvation did not belong to them, but to all who believe. God was doing something new. His people would no longer build their faith on a law and a Temple, but on God Himself...Jesus!



THINK ABOUT THIS

In 1 Peter 2:4–6, Jesus is described as, "a living stone rejected by men," and Christians are described as, "living stones" that are "being built up as a spiritual house." The Temple in Jerusalem was going to be torn down, but God already had a plan for a spiritual Temple, not built with human hands. We are that Temple. Jesus is the cornerstone, and we are living stones built on Him.

Let God build you up today in your faith and remember to put all your trust in the perfect cornerstone.

PRAYER

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Name one area where you need your faith built up on the Cornerstone today.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

Psalm 118:22

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