



The Parable of the Wicked Tenants - The Owner and his Son

Readings – Luke 20:9-16; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:28-40; Matthew 21:12-17; Matthew 12:23-27; Isaiah 5:1-7

- Why do you think this parable is traditionally called the Parable of the Wicked Tenants and does the title matter?
- Jesus doesn't simply teach about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven he also lives this out before the people. In what way does Jesus' entry in Jerusalem reflect these "upside down values"?
- No doubt the money changers and the sellers of doves would be back the next day. When Jesus' returns why do you think he did not clear them away once again, but rather began walking and teaching in Solomon's Colonnade?
- Why do you think the Sanhedrin asked Jesus the question "By what authority he was doing these things?" How do you think Jesus wants us to feel about sharing the Good News with others?
- In the Parable there are 5 elements. The owner, the servants, the son, the tenants and the vineyard. What do you think they each represent? What do you think they represent today?
- In the Parable the owner eventually has the tenants killed. Do you think there is a limit to the grace of God?
- Jesus asks the question "What is the meaning of the saying "The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone". At the centre of the Parable is the message of The Son whom I love? This is also the centre of Christianity. Do you think we often spend time talking about less important things rather than focussing on the most important of all?

