

MATTHEW

March 19, 2023
Matthew 21:33-46

READ

Matthew 21:33-36 Mark 12:1-12 Luke 20:9-19

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. How does Israel fit the description in v. 1? Take Isaiah 5:1-7 into account.
2. How does the history of Israel fit the storyline of the parable (vv. 34-39)? Take Ezekiel 2:3-5; Luke 11:49-51 & Hebrews 1:1-2 into account.
3. How is God at work despite such developments (v. 42)?
4. The quoted psalm is Messianic. The imagery of a stone is Messianic. What is unique about the stone in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2:44)?

What effect, according to Jesus, will this (corner) stone have (v. 44)?

Consider as well—

- Romans 9:33
- 1 Peter 2:8

5. What is the purpose of a corner stone? What does it do?

How does this correlate to Jesus Christ?

- Isaiah 28:16
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- 1 Peter 2:6-7

6. What does Jesus identify, again, as a major concern for citizens of the kingdom of God (v. 43; c.f., v. 19)? Why is this so important to the kingdom of God?

7. Contrast the plans of God (v. 42b; Acts 2:23) with the plans of men (vv. 42a,46).

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will orient my life to the Lord Jesus Christ this week by . . .

I will humbly allow the Lord to speak directly into my life this week by . . .