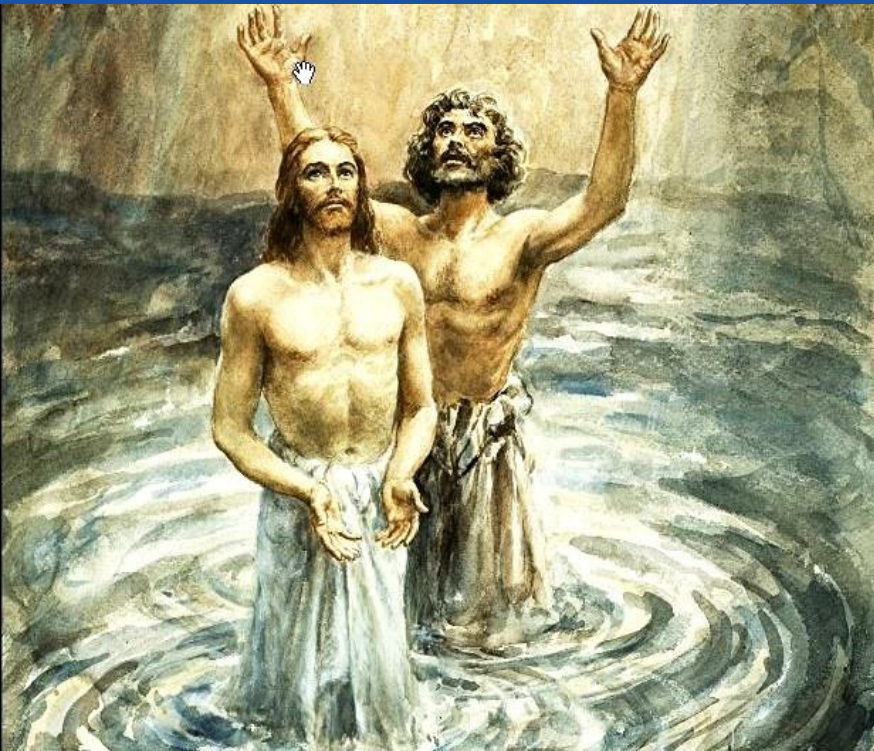


TEMPLE AND SYNAGOGUE JOIN FORCES



- The journey to the cross is speeding up
- Jesus has invaded the Jewish religious leaders' territory
- The leadership tried to discredit Yeshua
- Yeshua turns the argument into an issue of John the Baptist's credentials; the leaders couldn't win



parabole

meaning, definition, explanation...

- Matthew 21:28 – 32 is not a true Hebrew Parable
- True Hebrew Parables begin with some version of: “to what can the matter be compared?”
- A true Hebrew Parable forces us to search for ONE moral to the story; a fictional story of illustration frees us to search for several meanings and points
- It is up to us to know which is which, so that we know how to interpret the story



- An indictment of the Temple and Synagogue leaders
- Son #1 at first refuses yet he works
- Son #2 first accepts but does not work
- Son #1 compared to prostitutes and tax collectors
- Son #2 represents the Priests and Scribes



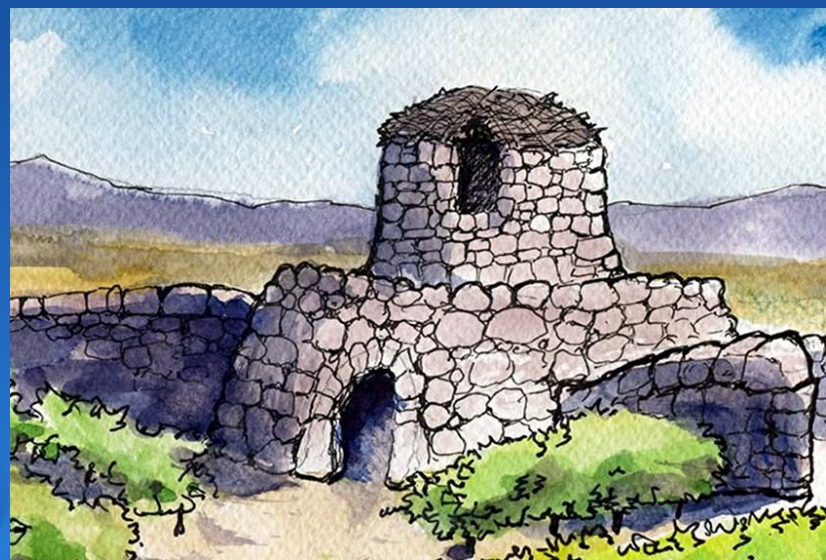
- The father = God the Father
- Son #1 = the common Jewish people
- Son #2 = the Jewish religious leadership
- Matthew 7:21 – 23 The most terrifying passage in the Bible
- Good news! The worst of sinners and outsiders of society have hope! Trust in the Lord!



- 1) Vineyard = Israel
- 2) Farmer = God
- 3) Tenants = Jewish religious leadership
- 4) Fruit = Hebrews prepared by the leadership
- 5) Servants = OT Prophets
- 6) Farmer's son = Yeshua
- 7) New tenants = new Jewish leaders that trust in God and His Son, Messiah Yeshua

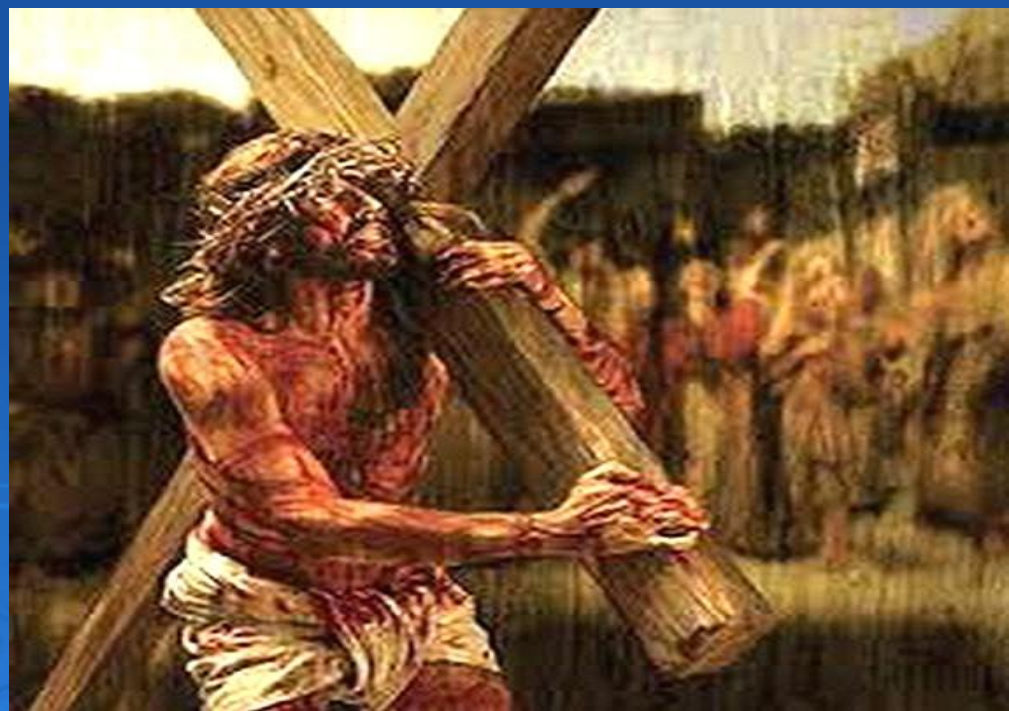
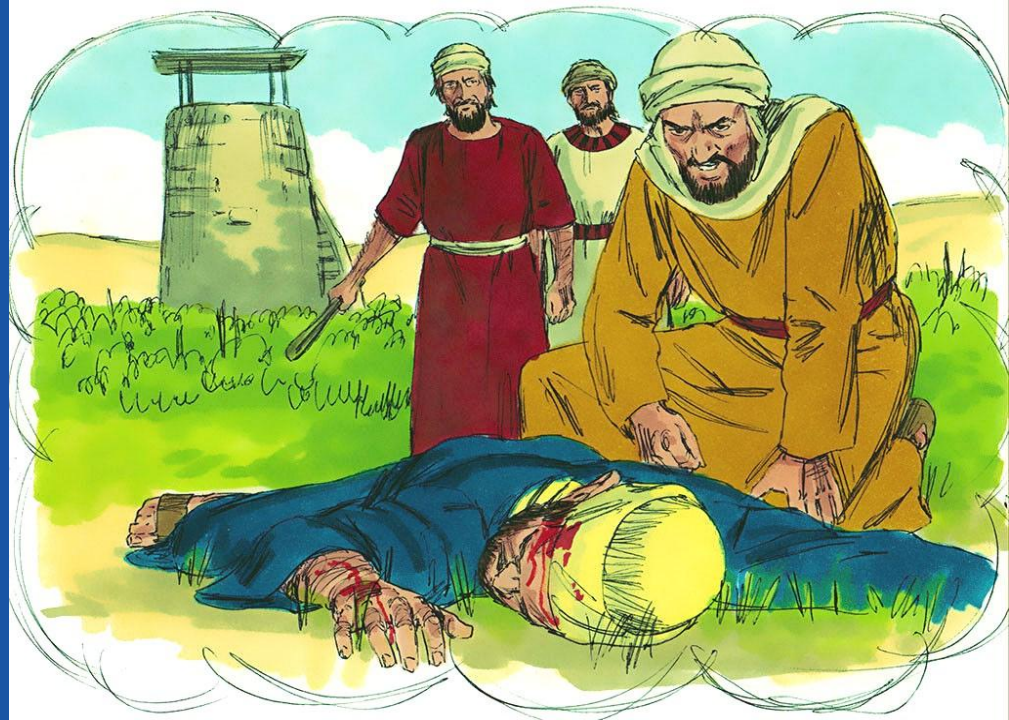
FARMER AND THE WICKED TENANTS

- Farmer plants a new vineyard
- With wall, watchtower, and wine vat, it is fully complete
- Farmer turns it over to tenants to run
- At harvest time, the farmer sends 3 servants to get his portion as payment
- God establishes Israel, provides the Torah, leaves leaders in charge, but His Prophets are run-off and killed

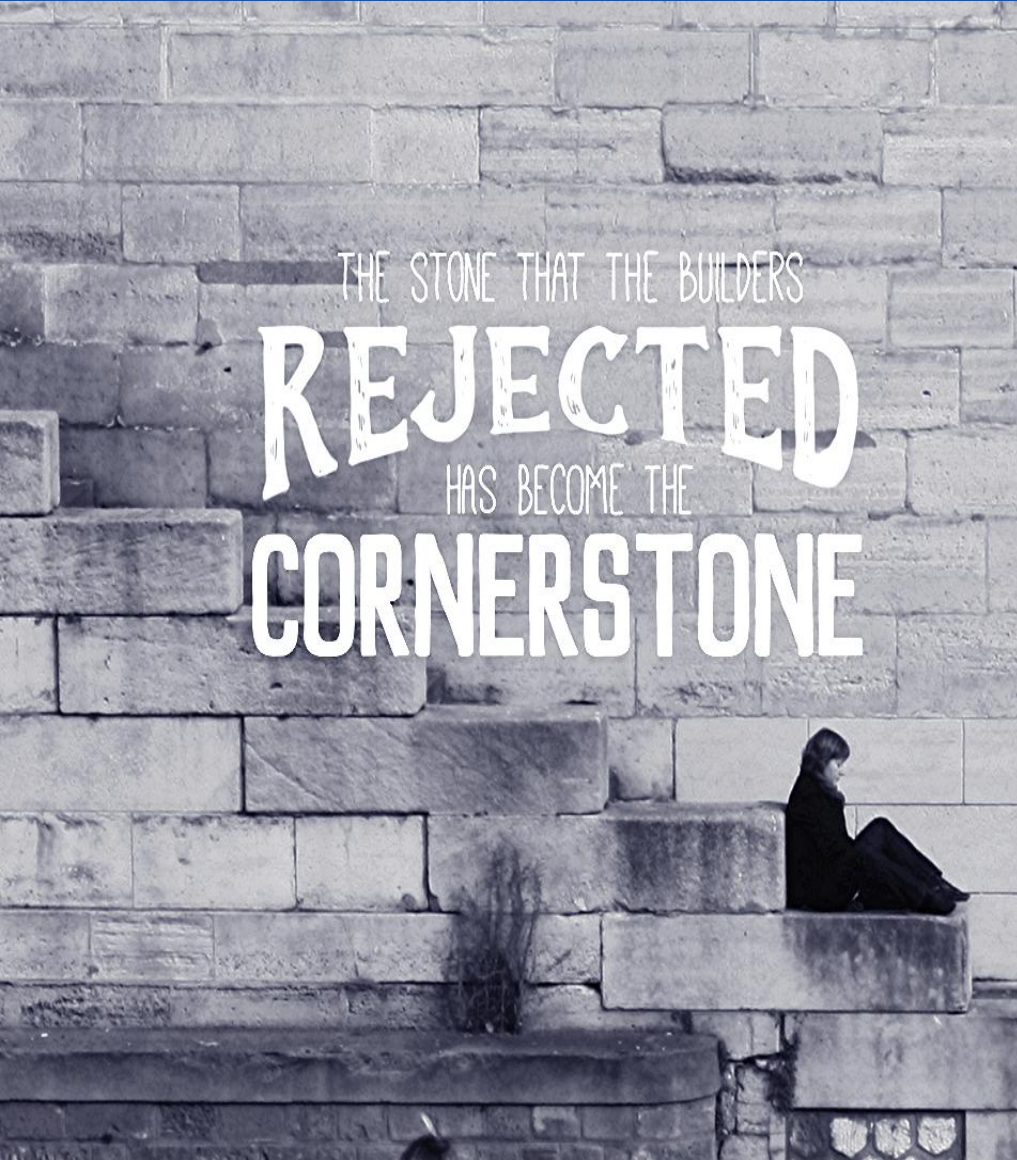


JESUS: GOD'S AGENT

- Farmer sends his own son, thinking he will be respected
- Tenants kill him, too
- Religious leadership wanted Israel (the vineyard) for themselves
- Religious leaders say the farmer would be justified to destroy the tenants, and to replace them with better ones



PSALM 118: THE HALLEL



THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS
REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE

- There are reasons why Yeshua chose certain subjects to mold His stories around
- 1st century absentee landlords were an issue especially for Galilean farmers
- Yeshua quotes Psalm 118:22 – 23
- The Hallel became part of the celebration of all 3 pilgrimage feasts
- Yeshua connected the Hallel with Himself



- From fictional, to representative, to threat
- Vs. 44 exists in many Bibles, but is evidently a Christian gloss added much later
- Religious authorities wanted to arrest Yeshua right then, but the crowds of pilgrims made them hold-off
- Prophet in the 1st century meant seer or teacher

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Mainstream Christianity has claimed that the Farmer and Wicked Tenants story is God taking blessings from Israel and giving them to the gentile Church
- The story was ONLY about Jewish leadership, and NEW Jewish leadership; no gentile involvement
- 7 in 10 gentiles have NOT accepted Christ

