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TRACK 1

Jesus liked to talk about God's Kingdom by calling it a field or a vineyard. He wanted people to understand that God's Kingdom is alive and growing, and needs people to care for it so it will have a good harvest. Jesus did not make up this idea. He got it from the OLD TESTAMENT (the part of the Bible that was already written when Jesus was born). So when Jesus told a story about a vineyard, the chief priests and religious leaders knew what he meant!

THE WICKED TENANTS

Matthew 21:33-46

JESUS WAS IN THE TEMPLE, TALKING TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS!



THE LANDLORD SENT MORE SERVANTS, AND THEY ALL GOT BEATEN UP! FINALLY— FATHER, LET ME GO!

BUT WHEN THE SON CAME TO THE VINEYARD...

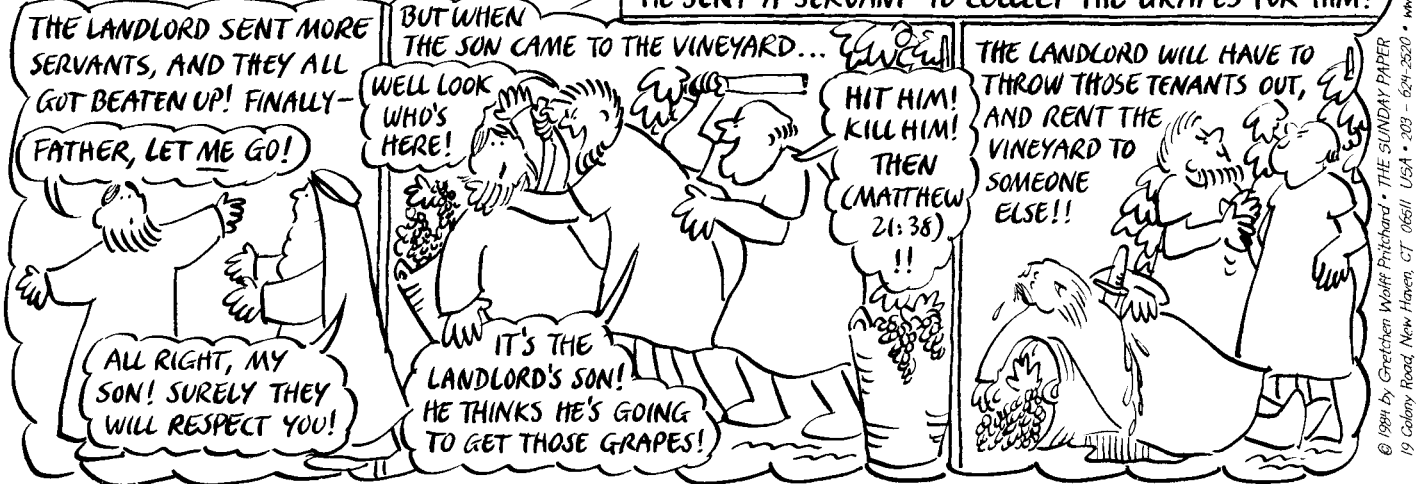
WE'LL LOOK WHO'S HERE!

HIT HIM! KILL HIM! THEN (MATTHEW 21:38)

THE LANDLORD WILL HAVE TO THROW THOSE TENANTS OUT, AND RENT THE VINEYARD TO SOMEONE ELSE!!

ALL RIGHT, MY SON! SURELY THEY WILL RESPECT YOU!

IT'S THE LANDLORD'S SON! HE THINKS HE'S GOING TO GET THOSE GRAPES!



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Jesus was angry with the religious leaders of Israel because they cared about their own power more than they cared about God's people or God's Kingdom. Over and over again, God reminds his people to care about the right things!

EXODUS 20:1-20
(God gives Moses the Law in ten Commandments)

HONOR THE LORD! DO NOT KILL!
DO NOT STEAL!
DO NOT TELL LIES!

PSALM 119:8
"The commandment of the Lord is clear and good, and gives us joy"

PHILIPPIANS 3:
"So many people care only for worthless things! But we must long for Jesus and his Kingdom!"