

Love and care for

the world

It belongs to God



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Matthew 21:28-31

When the farmhands saw the son arrive, they rubbed their hands in greed. 'This is the heir! Let's kill him and have it all for ourselves.' They grabbed him, threw him out, and killed him.

Father, help me to remember that this world is yours, and not mine. When I start acting as if I own it, remind me who is really in charge and help me look after it properly for you.
Amen



Crossword: Matthew 21:33-46 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

12 across) Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to _____ to this

24 across) story: A land owner once _____ a vineyard. He built a wall

10 down) around it and dug a pit to _____ the grapes in. He also

4 down) built a _____ tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and

19 across) left the _____.

22 down) When it was _____ time, the owner sent some servants

21 down) to get his share of the grapes. But the _____ grabbed

29 across) those servants. They _____ up one, killed one, and stoned

6 across) one of them to death. He then sent more _____ than he

1 down) did the first time. But the renters _____ them in the same way.

2 across) Finally, the _____ sent his own son to the renters, because

15 down) he thought they would _____ him. But when they saw the

11 across) man's _____, they said, "Someday he will own the vineyard."

5 down) Let's _____ him! Then we can have it all for ourselves." So they

7 down) grabbed him, threw him out of the _____, and killed him.

13 across) _____ asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do

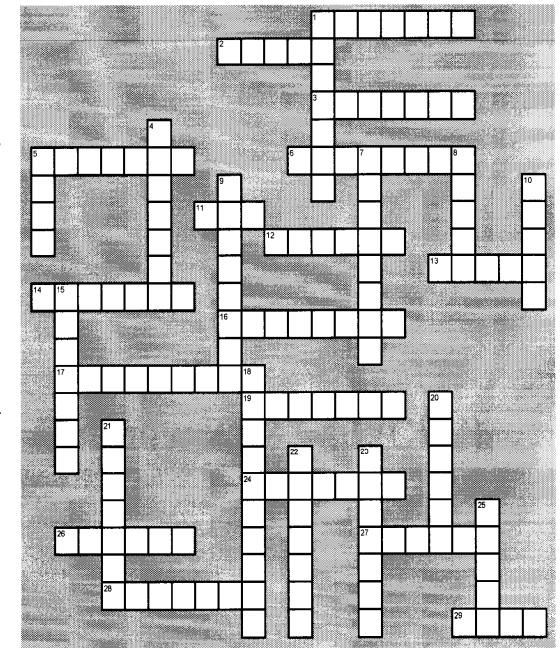
28 across) you _____ he will do to those renters?"

14 across) The chief _____ and leaders answered, "He will kill them

9 down) in some _____ way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to

8 down) people who will give him his _____ of grapes at harvest time."

18 down) Jesus replied, "You surely know that the _____ say,



16 across) "The stone that the _____ tossed aside is now the most important

25 down) _____ of all. This is something the Lord has done, and it is

3 across) _____ to us."

5 across) I tell you that God's _____ will be taken from you and given

23 down) to people who will do what he _____. Anyone who stumbles over

20 down) this stone will be crushed, and _____ it falls on will be

26 across) smashed to _____."

17 across) When the chief priests and the _____ heard these stories,

1 across) they knew that Jesus was _____ about them. So they looked for

27 across) a way to _____ Jesus. But they were afraid to, because the people thought he was a prophet.

"But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance."



IN THE ISAIAH PARABLE

- THE OWNER? _____
- THE VINEYARD? _____
- THE PLANTED VINE? _____
- NO FRUIT/BAD FRUIT? _____

IN THE PARABLE JESUS TOLD

- THE KING? _____
- THE VINEYARD? _____
- THE PLANTED VINE? _____
- THE SERVANTS? _____
- THE LABOURERS? _____
- THE KING'S SON? _____

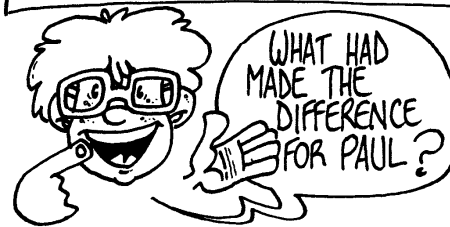
PHILIPPIANS 3: 4b-14

LOOK AT VERSES 5-6

PAUL IS A _____

LOOK AT VERSES 7-11

HOW DOES HE SEE ALL THOSE DETAILED RULES AND SACRED TRADITIONS NOW?



FACING GOD'S TRUTH

WHY DID THE PHARISEES FIND IT SO HARD TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING WRONG?

We tend to ignore or reject truths we don't want to see.

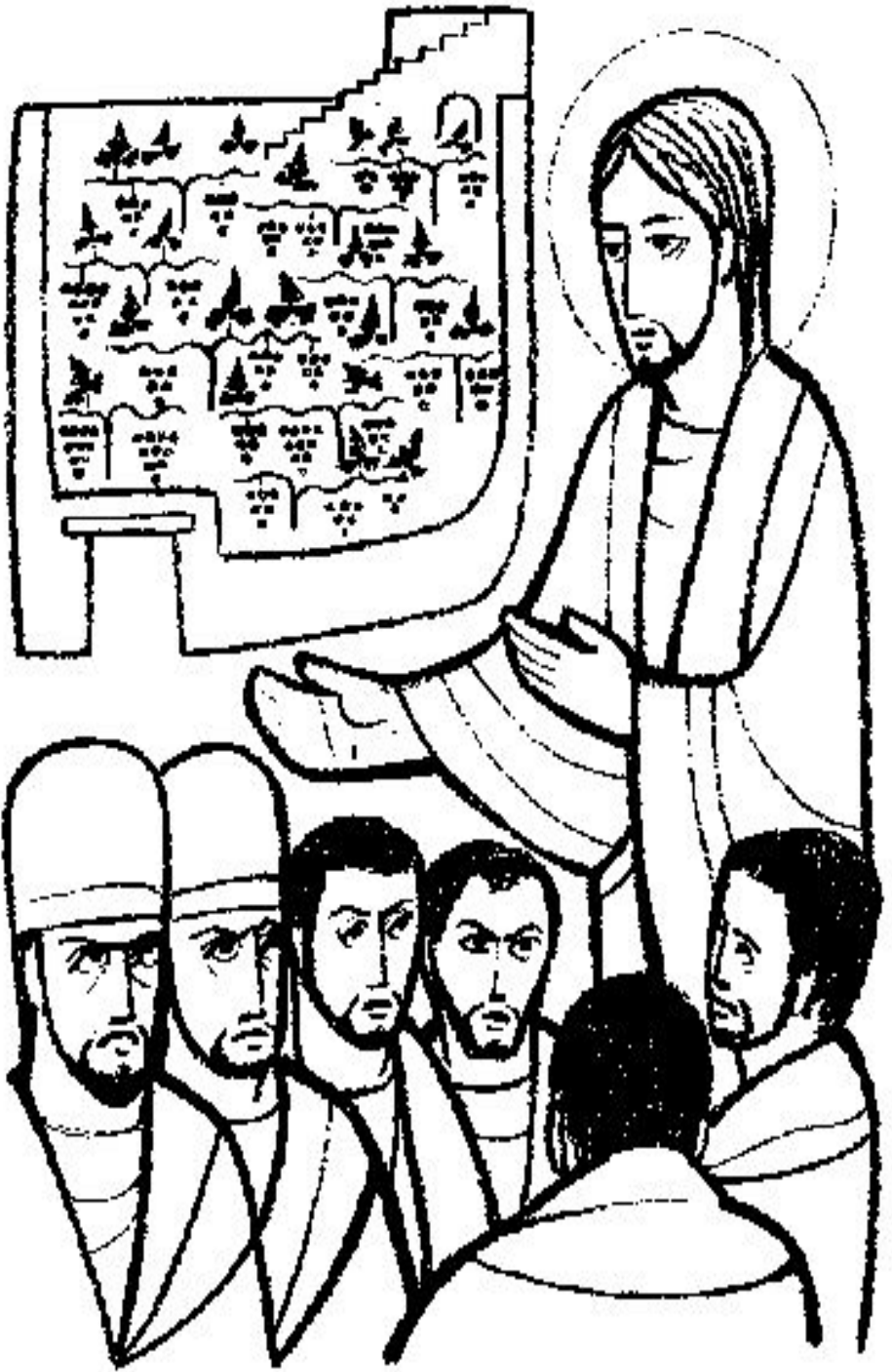
BUT THEY KNEW THE LAW SO WELL.

Yes. In fact, they hugged it so tightly it couldn't breathe. When Jesus showed them what it was really like they thought of him as a threat instead of a saviour.

TURN NOW, O GOD OF HOSTS,
LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
BEHOLD AND TEND THIS VINE,
PRESERVE WHAT YOUR RIGHT
HAND HAS PLANTED.
RESTORE US, O GOD OF HOSTS;
SHOW US THE LIGHT
OF YOUR COUNTENANCE
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.
(- FROM PSALM 80 -)





















COUNTENANCE = FACE



Jesus told a story



"Once there was a  who owned a . He let  grow grapes there in return for a share of the harvest. He sent his  to collect his share, but the  stoned one , beat one  and killed one . So he sent more  and the same things happened. So the  sent his son. "Surely they will listen to my" , he said. But the  grabbed the  and killed him." Jesus said, "What will the  do to the ?" The people answered "The  will kill the  and find new people who will look after the  and give him his share of the harvest when it is time".

Word Search: Matthew 21:33-46 (CEV)

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| SERVANTS | TREATED | OWNER | RESPECT |
| SON | KILL | VINEYARD | JESUS |
| SUPPOSE | PRIESTS | HORRIBLE | SHARE |
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| PHARISEES | TALKING | ARREST | |

