

## Echoes of the vineyard/tenant story elsewhere in Luke's Gospel

### **Luke 20.9-19**

He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to **another country** for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him from **the fruit** of the vineyard; but the tenants **beat him** and **sent him away empty-handed**. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and **sent away empty-handed**. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the **lord of the vineyard** said, '**What shall I do?** I will send **my beloved son**; perhaps **they will respect him**.' But when the tenants saw him, **they discussed it** among themselves and said, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that **the inheritance** may be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the **lord of the vineyard** do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.'" When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!" But he looked at them and said, "What then does this text mean: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

### **Another country:**

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. (15.13)

So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. (19.12)

### **The fruit:**

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" (13.6-9)

### **Beat him:**

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him (22.63)

### **Sent away empty-handed:**

"...he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." (1.53)

### **Lord of the vineyard:**

Cf. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (10.2)

### **What shall I do?:**

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" (3.10; also, 3.13, 14)

"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (10.25; again, 18.18)

And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' (12.17)

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me?' (16.3)

### **My beloved son:**

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (3.22b)

### **They will respect [the son]:**

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people." (18.2)

### **Discussed:**

Then the scribes and the Pharisees discussed, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (5.21)

### **The inheritance:**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." (12.13; only use in Gospels outside the parable)