

## Some scholarly questions about the parable of the vineyard/tenants

1. What words are from Jesus and what from the evangelist?
2. What is the relationship between Luke's version and Mark's (or *Gospel of Thomas*)?
3. What is the relationship between the parable (20.9-15a) and the interpretation (20.15b-19)?
4. Is the story a "parable" or an "allegory"?
5. Is the story "realistic" in relation to the socioeconomic context of Luke's audience?
6. What is the relationship between the story and Isaiah 5.1-7?
7. If read allegorically, what do the elements (vineyard, servants, lord of the vineyard, son, "others") represent?

**"There are nearly as many proposed readings of [the Parable of the Tenants] as there are scholars making them..."**

**—Gregory R. Lanier, "Mapping the Vineyard: Main Lines of Investigation Regarding the Parable of the Tenants in the Synoptics and *Thomas*," *Currents in Biblical Research* (2016) 151.74-122, p. 106**