

Greek Readings
Series A, Proper 22
Matt. 21:33–46

- **Verse 33**
 - A few weeks ago we examined a similar parable (20:1-16) that used the term οἰκοδεσπότης. What is the meaning of this term? (Cf. BDAG, p. 695) _____.
 - To whom does it refer in v.33? _____.
 - In 20:1-16, we also had the noun ἀμπελών. To what does this term refer? (Cf. Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 12:10) _____.
 - Parse περιέθηκεν. _____ . Give the dictionary entry. _____.
 - What lexical similarities exist between Mt. 21:33 and Isa 5:2, 7(LXX)? _____.
 - What does this tell us about how we are supposed to understand Mt. 21:33f.? _____.
 - To what do the γεωργοί refer? (Cf. 25:14) _____ . For what are they responsible? _____.
- **Verse 34**
 - What is the theological significance of the verb ἐγγίζω? (Cf. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7) _____.
 - Who do the δοῦλοι represent? (Cf. 2 Chr. 24:19; Jer 7:25-26; 25:4) _____.
 - Parse λαβεῖν. _____ . What type of infinitive is this? (Cf. Voelz, 2d. 113, 3d. 100) _____.
- **Verse 35**
 - Generally speaking what is the significance of δέρω, ἀποκτείνω, and λιθοβολέω? (Cf. Jer 20:2; 26:21-23; 2 Chr. 24:21; see also Neh 9:26) _____ . What are we to conclude about the γεωργοί? _____.
- **Verse 36**
 - What does the phrase πάλιν ἀπέστειλεν ἄλλους δούλους πλείονας τῶν πρώτων tell us about the disposition of the οἰκοδεσπότης? (Cf. 22:4) _____ . Why is this important? _____.
 - Parse πλείονας? _____ . What does this modify? _____ . What type of genitive follows this word? (Cf. Voelz, 2d. 252, 3d. 233.) _____.
- **Verse 37**
 - What is the meaning of ὕστερον? (Cf. BDAG, 1044b) _____.
 - Who is the referent of τὸν υἱόν? (Cf. 10:40; 15:24; 3:17; 11:27; 17:5) _____.
 - Why is this important for understanding the parable? _____.
 - Parse Ἐντραπήσονται. _____ . What is the meaning of this word? (Cf. BDAG, 341, 2.; Mk 12:6; Lk. 20:13) _____.
 - Why might Matthew use τὸν υἱόν μου instead of a simple αὐτόν? _____.
- **Verse 38**
 - What is significant about the phrase εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς in Matthew? (Cf. 21:25; 9:6; 16:7; 24:48) _____.
 - How is ἰδόντες τὸν υἱόν connected with v.32 from last week? _____ . How does this help us to further understand this parable? _____.
 - What is the connection between δεῦτε ἀποκτείνωμεν αὐτόν here and in Gen. 37:20? _____.
 - Parse σχῶμεν. _____ . What is the dictionary entry? (Cf. 982). _____ . What is the meaning of this verb? (Cf. BDAG 982, 420) _____.
- **Verse 39**
 - What is significant concerning the order of events λαβόντες ... ἐξέβαλον ἔξω ... ἀπέκτειναν? (Cf. Mt. 27:32, 33; Heb. 13:12; Acts 7:58) _____.
- **Verse 40**
 - How does the title ὁ κύριος τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος instead of οἰκοδεσπότης change the tone of

- this pericope? (Cf. Isa. 5:4, 5) _____.
- **Verse 41**
 - What may be theological significant about the word Κακοὺς? _____.
 - Parse ἀπολέσει. _____. What is the meaning of this verb? (Cf. BDAG, 115, 1a) _____. How might this meaning be interpreted in light of v. 40? _____. How might this also be understood in relation to Mt. 24:3, 21? _____.
 - Parse οἴτινες. _____. To what does this refer? _____.
 - **Verse 42**
 - The phrase Οὐδέποτε ἀνέγνωτε ἐν ταῖς γραφαῖς is a favorite of Matthew. To what does the γραφαῖς refer? (Cf. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16; 22:31) _____.
 - Which Psalm does Jesus reference? _____. How does his quotation compare with the LXX? _____.
 - What particular element does this Psalm have in common with Jesus' parable? _____.
 - In what other context does the verb ἀποδοκιμάζω appear in the NT? (Cf. BDAG, 110; see especially Mk 8:31; Lk 9:22; 17:25) _____.
 - What is the meaning of κεφαλὴν γωνίας? (Cf. BDAG, 209; Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Ac 4:11; 1 Pt 2:7) _____.
 - Why is αὕτη feminine? (Cf. BDF, §138, 2) _____.
 - **Verse 43**
 - To what does διὰ τοῦτο refer? _____.
 - In regard to the passive verbs ἀρθήσεται and δοθήσεται, who is the acting subject and why is this important? _____.
 - What is important about the term ἔθνει? (Cf. BDAG, 276; Mt. 12:21; 24:14; 28:19; 1 Pt. 2:9) _____.
 - How does ποιῶντι τοὺς καρποὺς αὐτῆς relate to Matthew's understanding of δικαιοσύνη of the kingdom? (Cf. 5:20; 6:33) _____.
 - **Verse 44**
 - How does πεσὼν ἐπὶ τὸν λίθον . . . λικμήσει αὐτόν relate to Isa. 8:14-15? (See also, Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45) _____.
 - What is the general theme of this verse and how does it relate to the parable? _____.
 - Notice that v.44 is not accepted by all witnesses (Cf. Metzger, Textual Commentary, 47). What were the committee's grounds for retaining the verse, though in brackets? _____.
 - **Verse 45**
 - Translate ἔγνωσαν ὅτι περὶ αὐτῶν λέγει. _____. How should this indirect discourse be properly translated? (Cf. Voelz, 2d. 179, 3d.163) _____.
 - **Verse 46**
 - Parse κρατῆσαι. _____.
 - How does the desire of the Chief Priest and Pharisees, ζητοῦντες αὐτόν κρατῆσαι, relate to the parable? (Cf. 21:23, 38) _____.
 - What is the relationship between v.46 and v.26? (Cf. προφήτην) _____.
 - Notice where else is the term ὄχλος used in Ch. 21? (Cf. 8, 9, 11). Is the estimation of the ὄχλος correct regarding Jesus person and work? _____.

Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.