

## Holy Tuesday

Read Luke 20: 9-18

Holy Tuesday for Jesus was filled with storytelling and teaching for those who were following Him, and confrontations with the religious leaders who were growing increasingly jealous and suspicious of His threat to their power structure. With quiet dignity, Wisdom Himself evaded their efforts to trap Him in His speech as He confounded their earthy wisdom.

We'll focus on a story Jesus told about a vineyard owner. Record who the different players in Jesus drama represent below.

The owner of the vineyard \_\_\_\_\_.

The tenants in charge of the vineyard \_\_\_\_\_.

The workers sent to reap the harvest \_\_\_\_\_.

The owner's son \_\_\_\_\_.

The religious leaders hearing these words on Holy Tuesday recognized the players. They knew themselves to be the tenants of God's vineyard. (Read Isaiah 5:1-7).

Let's read Ephesians 2:11-14 and bring ourselves into this painful story.

What two groups of people does this passage tell us were brought together into "one new man"?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_/

According to Ephesians 2:16, where was this reconciliation accomplished?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Now, back to the leaders...Verse 14 tells us they killed the beloved son in order to obtain what? \_\_\_\_\_.

What could this inheritance be? What did the owner have that they wanted? The answer is first recorded in Genesis 3:1-5. Read that passage and answer the following question. What did the devil persuade Eve she could be, if she asserted her independence and ate the forbidden fruit?

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The leaders of Jesus' day loved their position. They intended to rule, and not be ruled. They wanted to be masters, not mastered. It is the original sin. And it is our ongoing temptation. I write about this extensively in my latest book [Finding Deep and Wide](#). The devil still baits this same trap, telling us that we have the right to be our own authority.

Jesus' story cut the Jewish leaders to the quick, and they still fulfilled the prophecy. What will be your and my response?

Pray with me.

*Jesus, as I walk with You today, make me ever aware that all I have and all I am belongs to You. Help me live yielded to You and alert me whenever I'm tempted to assert my will over Yours. Remind me often of the tender words of Your Father and mine, "I will send my beloved son. Surely they will hear Him." Let me hear and obey. Amen.*