

The Saviour – Rejected

This week – We learn of the disaster of rejecting The Saviour and losing His reward at His return.

**Jesus said, “Behold I come quickly,
and my reward is with Me.”**

Revelation 22v12.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Matthew Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 12v1-8 (Pharisees try to show the Lord’s sin)	
Monday	Matthew 12v9-21 (The Lord heals on the Sabbath)	
Tuesday	Matthew 12v22-30 (Pharisees try to expose the Lord)	
Wednesday	Matthew 12v31-37 (The Lord answers their challenge)	
Thursday	Matthew 12v38-45 (The Lord answers their challenge)	
Friday	Matthew 21v23-32 (The Lord’s authority challenged)	
Saturday	Matthew 21v33-46 (The Lord challenges with a parable)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Who was humanly responsible for the Lord’s death?

Although the Lord Jesus came willingly to die to save us, He predicted that the religious leaders would be responsible for His death. They were not amongst the welcoming crowds when the Saviour rode into Jerusalem. They did not willingly accept His teachings like the crowds but instead demanded on what authority did He speak. They deliberately asked Him questions to catch him out so they could have Him arrested, plotting His death.

The Lord knew their hearts, and, in warning and mercy, spoke this parable to rescue them from their deserved punishment if they continued in their hatred and hostility to Him.

The Lord knows our attitude to Him. Will we turn to Him in repentance and faith, or so hate His authority over us that we too are guilty of wanting His death?

Hymn 468 - telling of using our lives in the worship and service of The Lord Jesus Christ:

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| 1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart – it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne. |
| 3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King:
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee. | 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store:
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

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- **The Parable of the Vineyard Owner and the Husbandmen.**
 - **The Owner.** The beauty and productivity of the vineyard has been the owner’s life’s work; the husbandmen are given the privilege of sharing in the responsibility of its upkeep and care. The owner deserved their loyalty.
 - **The Wicked Husbandmen.** They became resentful of the owner. They wanted it for themselves and would not pay the rent rightfully due to the owner.
 - **The Servants.** They came to collect the owners share but were cruelly treated.
 - **The Son.** Surely the owner’s son would be respected? But no! He was killed.
 - **The Owner Returns.** To judge and take rightful ownership of his vineyard.

The Lord asked, “What should the owner do to the husbandmen?”

The Pharisees could only answer that the wicked men deserved judgement.

• The Meaning of the Parable: -

- **The Owner.** The Lord God, the Creator of everything, made us to look after His creation. He rightly deserves our honour, worship, and willing service.
- **The Wicked Husbandmen.** The Scribes and Pharisees knew the Lord described both them and the Old Testament Jews who had cruelly rejected His prophets. They knew that they hated Him and were planning to have Him killed.
It is a description of us too, if we refuse to give the respect due to Him.
- **The Servants.** God’s faithful teachers who fearlessly preach God’s message - the need to acknowledge God as our owner and to repent our sin before Him.
- **The Son.** The Lord Jesus Christ who would be so hated that He would be rejected and taken out of the city and crucified like a common criminal.
- **The Owner Returns.** The Jews were judged for rejecting the Messiah. They lost their Old Testament privilege of being God’s chosen and protected people. God’s New Testament Church is made up of people from all nations.

We must remember that the Lord is warning us that He has promised to return to end this world in Judgement. Those who oppose Him now will tremble on that awesome day when they see Him return in great glory and great power!

Will we come now as obedient servants, with repentant hearts, paying Him due honour and respect? Will we be ready to welcome Him when He comes again?

Paul wrote, “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Ephesians 2v19-22.