THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD OWNER AND HIS SON
(Luke 20:1-18)

A. JESUS' AUTHORITY IS CHALLENGED BY THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS (Luke 20:1-8)

1. While Jesus was preaching the _____, His enemies couldn't help but notice His influence was _____ while theirs was waning; as a result, they were plotting His death. (v. 1)

2. This "group" appears to be an official _____ from the Sanhedrin; they challenged Him by what _____ did He cleanse the temple. (vv. 1b-2)

3. _____ their wicked _____, Jesus used a common rabbinic tactic by answering a question with a question of His own. (v. 3)

4. Challenging them regarding John's baptism whether *"it was from heaven* (from God) *or from men"* was brilliant, it put them on the _____, and it would make them all look entirely _____. (v. 4)

5. The answer to Jesus' question would have given them the answer to theirs, because John firmly testified that _____ was the _____; consequently, He had the authority and power within Himself. (vv. 5-7)

6. Because their hearts were evil and hard, Jesus _____ to answer their _____. (v. 8, cf. Matt. 7:6)

B. **THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD OWNER AND HIS SON (Luke 20:9-18)**

1. The owner of the vineyard in the parable represents _____, the *"vineyard"* is Israel (cf. Ps. 80:8-16; Isa. 5:1-7), and the tenant farmers (*"vine-growers"*) are Israel's _____ _____.

2. The owner of a vineyard sent servants on _____ separate occasions to gain fruit from his vineyard, but the tenant farmers, rather than cooperating, _____ each of the servants and sent them away. (vv. 10-12)

3. Likewise, the Lord sent His prophets to Israel, and one by one they were _____, beaten, and some were violently _____. (Neh. 9:26; Jer. 7:25-26; 26:7-9; 2 Chron. 24:18-21; Heb. 11:32-40)

4. Jesus described a nation that was obstinate, and a God who is _____ and compassionate in the face of _____ people. (vv. 13-14)

5. Christ admitted that they would successfully kill Him outside the city, but then His _____ would bring about divine _____ upon them. (vv. 15-16)

6. While these leaders assumed that the nation (the *"vineyard"*) would be theirs to _____, Jesus prophetically emphasized the harsh _____ that awaited them all. (vv. 17-18)

* How can you personally apply this passage today?