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*The Prophecy Fulfilled*

# Who is this...



- Jesus is answering priests and Elders (21:23)
  - Parable of the 2 sons
  - Parables of Vineyard and Unrighteous workers
- These are responses to their questioning of Him
  - His authority, His source...
  - Pastor Jeremy and Parables...

# Parable of the Vineyard...



- Connection to Isa 5 - “Song of the Vineyard”
  - People rejecting the “owner/planter” ~ benevolent and caring owner ~ protection of the workers (wall)
  - Agreement with workers...
  - Harvest comes, problems arise ~ scourge, kill, stone (Jew)
  - Heir/Son is killed... they knew it was the son...

# Elders and chief priests



- Answer Jesus correctly, in self-righteous pride
  - Owner would bring vengeance
  - Did you never read... Ps 118:22
- Cornerstone... rejected by men, approved by God
- KOG taken from Jews, given to another nation (43)
- 44 ~ broken or crushed? They knew! (45,46)

# Parable #3 – Wedding



- A King's wedding feast – an amazing event
  - The best of everything in the kingdom!
  - Unwilling to attend? Invited ones... “went their own way”
  - Mistreat/kill slaves – King sends armies for vengeance
- Vs. 9 – Go to the main highways... open invitation!
  - Unlike the Jews, religions... evil and good found!
  - It does not stop here...

# Unprepared guest...



- Vs 11 ~ no wedding garment (righteousness) |sa 52:1
  - Often provided for my the King ~ highest insult!
  - Rom 13:14; 2Cor 5:2; Matt 5:20; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10
  - The guests do not notice, the King does!
  - Do we know what God is looking for in us???
  - “Friend...” (*hetairos*) comrade, clansman

# Strong Finish...



- Remember the context and audience...
  - Man is bound hand and foot (things we sin with)
  - Taken out of the King's presence...
  - Outer darkness = weeping and gnashing
  - Mt 8:12; 13:42, 50, 51; Lk 13:28
  - the “called” (*kletos*) and the “called out” (*eklektos*)
  - Invited vs. prepared receivers of the garments (salvation)

# This sparks challenge!



- Jesus is now the focus of attacks!
  - Pharisees and Herodians – trap Jesus???
  - “we know”... why don’t they believe...!!! Malice, envy...
- Poll-tax to Caesar?
  - If He says yes, people leave; if He says no, treason!
  - Show Me the coin...





Hercules(Malcarth) and the Eagle of Rome

# Whose Likeness....



- Pure silver meant more than the inscriptions!
  - These are Caesars “things”, give them to him!
  - They are not your things...
- God has His “things”, with His image, inscription!
  - That is you and I!!!
  - Are we wearing God’s “mark”? Rev. 3:12; Eph 4:24