IT'S NO JOKE
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...hypocritical...
...or genuine?
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34 When he came, he desired to take his share of the fruit; but the tenants would not allow him.

35 Then he sent another servant; and they also spat upon him and treated him brutally.

36 And he sent another; and they killed him. So many of the servants did he send that they all used violence against his servants.

37 But he had one last servant whom he loved; therefore he sent his only son to them, instructing them, "They will respect my son.

38 Yet they treated him shamefully and threw him out.

39 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard came, he said to the tenants, 'I will give you the young one of my son; eat and enjoy yourself. Then I will say to you, "Give me the share of the fruit of the vineyard." And they said, "Sir, leave that alone, let the servant go on his own business, and give me the share of fruit of the vineyard."

40 "Surely you will say to him, "I will give you the share of fruit of the vineyard"; and he will say to you, "I will give you the young one of my son."'

41 "Hear another parable. There was a man who planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants and went into another country for a long time.

42 When the season for fruit arrived, he sent his servants to the tenants to receive his fruit.

43 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

44 Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

45 Then he sent the last one, saying, "They will respect my last, lest they also do this to him." The servants came, therefore, and did what was expected, and took his vineyard and delivered it to the winepress men.

46 "Woe to you,generals of the people! Because you have borne heavy burdens on the shoulders of the poor and oppressed, and you have wearied them with your load.

47 You have taken from the poor house and from the widow's measure. You have made your homes by the strong and heavy burdens you have laid on them, and you yourselves have not entered.

48 "You have covered yourselves with wealth, and you have piled up wealth for yourselves in the day of wrath.

49 "You have loaded men with burdens, and they stagger under their loads.

50 You have made the poor of the land to hunger, by casting out the morsel from the poor's bread.

51 You have sent them away empty, and have not given them their own food.

52 You have said, 'In the mouth of the Fowler's nest will I speak; one of my eggs I have taken in my own nest, and I have left it with you.' Is it not this of which these things have come to you from my mouth?"
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35 “But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty. So again they sent another servant to them, and they beat him and treated him worse.

36 “And again they sent another servant, and they beat him and treated him even worse. And they sent many others, and they treated all of them in the same way.

37 “But when the owner of the vineyard came, he sent his son, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’

38 “But when the tenants saw him, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’

39 “So they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

40 “Have you not read this Proverb: ‘Love me, and live;’ or the Song of Songs: ‘For my brother’s love is better than wine’? How much more, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants!”

41 “Then the Pharisees came and said to Him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are a teacher who has come to teach God’s truth, and no one kept back anything from you.

42 “If you were simply the teacher of the law, you would not have come forth with this teaching. For we know that you belong to the generation of sinners. Teach us therefore, what should we do.’

43 “Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests of the temple profane the Sabbath and are innocent?

44 “Yet I say to you that in this place there is one greater than the temple.

45 “For I tell you, you will not see Me again until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’”
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40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."
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21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
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44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”
45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them.
46 And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.
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Q1
Do we find our strength and orientation in Christ ‘the cornerstone’, or from our culture, or from ourselves?

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Q2
When confronted with the reality of our rebellion in the face of the authority of Christ, are we afraid of people, or do we respect God?
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Are we willing to care for the kingdom of God as faithful servants of the rightful owner?
So, therefore, what now?

Q4
Are we surrendered to Christ in a way that allows Him to produce His fruit in and through us?
“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot
So, therefore, what now?

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Jesus
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