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**UNEXPECTED JUDGMENT**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

The Story (vs 33-41)...

The Warning (vs 42-46)...

The Response...

Getting Started: Can you think of a time when you saw an unfair or unjust action in your work, family, or in the world? What did you hope would happen to fix the broken situation, or help make things right?

Digging in: How does this parable connect to the preceding and following stories Jesus tells (21:28-32; 22:1-14)? Why do you feel that the land owner acted the way he did, both in the way he sent the messengers, and in his judgment of the tenants? Do you feel like his actions were just? Read Revelation 20:11-15. Why do we often squirm when we hear these words and struggle with God's judgment? Is He fair to judge? What does Jesus mean when he calls Himself the stone that people will stumble on (Mt. 21:42-44)? In your own words, write out the principle/warning of this parable in one sentence.

Living It Out: Describe what you feel like is the most crucial part of your relationship with God. How does this thing line up with the warning of the parable? Is there an area of your life where you feel like God is trying to get your attention? Where do you need to listen to His messages to become obedient in an area of sin or to take a step of faith? Are you a messenger for Jesus? What are some practical steps you could take to create relationships and bring the message to those in your neighborhood or work place?