

vineyard cometh, what will he do to those husbandmen?"

The people quickly answered: "He will miserably destroy those wicked men. He will put his vineyard into the care of good husbandmen."

The scribes and Pharisees who listened to the story said among themselves: "Jesus means that we are the wicked husbandmen! He means that He is the son of the owner of the vineyard." For in the Old Testament God's people, the Jews, had been likened to a vineyard. God had cared for them and done more for them than the owner in Jesus' parable had done for his vineyard. And God expected, in return, that His people would give Him their love and obedience. But they had not loved God nor obeyed Him as they ought to have done.

So the scribes and Pharisees, who were the leaders of the Jews, were so angry at Jesus that they wanted to seize Him and put Him to death, but they were afraid of what the people might do to them if they treated Him so. For they knew that the people loved to listen to Jesus and believed that He had come to them with a message from God, just as the Old Testament prophets spoke for God to the people.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did a man do for his vineyard? 2. To whom did he rent it? 3. Whither did he himself go? 4. When did he return? 5. How was the rent to be paid? 6. Whom did the owner send to receive his share? 7. How were the servants treated? 8. What did the owner then do? 9. How were these servants treated? 10. Whom did he send at last? 11. How did he expect his son to be treated? 12. How did the husbandmen treat the son? 13. What question did Jesus ask? 14. What did the people answer? 15. Why were the scribes and Pharisees angry? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

He, who came to save us,
He, who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory
At His Father's side.

Never more to suffer,
Never more to die;

Jesus, King of glory,

Is gone up on high!

Amen.

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. Why are the children of Christians baptized? Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

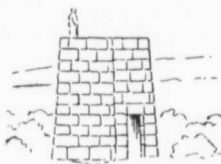
SHORTER CATECHISM—99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer? A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called *The Lord's Prayer*.

The Question on Missions

7. How are the people reached by the missionaries? By holding open air meetings in the villages and among the residences on the sugar estates; by visiting the people in their homes and meeting them individually as opportunity offers; and by going in and out among them in their times of grief and joy.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a drawing of a tower, like those which were commonly built in Eastern vineyards for keeping watch over the fruit. A



watchman is standing on the top of the tower. Copy the drawing, and remember that God expects to receive fruit from our lives just as the owner of the vineyard in the Lesson looked for fruit from the husbandmen.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO GOD