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Parallel Passages:

- Matthew 21:33–46 and Luke 20:9–17
- Mark 8:27-29

#1 – God’s Love is Boundless

- Isaiah 5
- Psalm 73:1
- Hebrews 11:35-37
- Jeremiah 7:25

#2 – God’s Love is Personal

- Mark 1:11
- Mark 9:7
- Genesis 22:2
- Isaiah 9:6
- Genesis 37:20
- John 3:16-21
- Zephaniah 3:17
- Romans 5:8

#3 – God’s Judgement is Certain

- Psalm 118:22-23
- 2 Samuel 12:1-5
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Matthew 21:43-44

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When Jesus died on the cross the mercy of God did not become any greater. It could not become any greater, for it was already infinite. We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died. No--Jesus died because God is showing mercy. It was the mercy of God that gave us Calvary, not Calvary that gave us mercy. If God had not been merciful there would have been no incarnation, no babe in the manger, no man on a cross and no open tomb. – A.W. Tozer

Though our feelings come and go, God’s love for us does not. – C. S. Lewis

What is the sum total of human history if not the attempt to rid the universe of God? – James Edwards

Questions for Personal Study:

1. Why did Jesus use parables as a teaching method? Why did he use a parable in this particular case?
2. Israel killed the prophets God sent In what way are we guilty of killing the prophets? Of crucifying Christ?
3. If your attempts to get people to fulfill their contractual obligations had been violently refused, what would you do?
4. What do sinners think they can have and keep if they reject repentance? Why do Christians resist radical obedience?
5. What do secular people say when asked about judgement and hell? What do you think is necessary for them to accept the truth?
6. The Sanhedrin postponed their persecution of Jesus because they feared the crowd. How does this expose faulty reasoning on their part?