

Thy Kingdom Come: Kingdom Mutiny

Reflect

1. Recall a time when you rejected good authority over you. Why did you do it?
2. Recall a time when you were an authority and had someone reject you. Why did they do it?
3. Why do we resist God and His kingdom in our lives?

Read Your Bible

- Matthew 21:33-46
- Romans 3:20-26

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. In Matthew 21, Jesus tells a story about a vineyard (God's kingdom) and the unwillingness of the workers (God's people) to listen to the owner. What events jump out at you in this story?
2. What did this parable mean for the Jewish people hearing it told in Jesus' day? Why was it hard to bear?
3. In Romans 3, Paul the apostle says that something new has come: the righteousness of God in Jesus. What did you notice as you read the passage?
4. Why were these truths important? What was God asking of His people?
5. A vineyard hoarded and lost. A new beginning with God found through faith in Jesus. What is the Holy Spirit asking you to do as you hear these passages from the Bible?
6. How can you share what you've learned?

Conclusion

When God sent His servants to the vineyard, the tenants rejected them. This parable is history, but it's also our story. God sent the prophets of the Old Testament with a hard message for those who rejected His rule. Do I have ears to hear it? They also brought a message of hope, announcing that the King himself was coming. Do I have heart that longs for it? When God sent His Son, the kingdom was suddenly at

hand. Like the servants, the son was rejected and killed. But this time, the blood that was spilled brought healing! As the tenants killed the son, He began a new movement of restoration. In the most unexpected way, He was reclaiming what had been lost: the hearts of His people. “Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do.” Who put Jesus on the cross? I did. The moral of the story is my mutiny. But the righteousness of God has appeared in that very moment of darkness—in the hour of my greatest need! God did this to demonstrate that He is good beyond measure, so that all who turn to Jesus can be forgiven and find a new beginning. By my actions, I often reject God. By the actions of His Son, He gives me an opportunity to trust again.

Pray

Father God, I need You. I so often live a double life, singing Your songs but rejecting Your words. Give me a heart of humility, glad to receive Your prophets and filled by the life of Your Son. Let Jesus be a name of highest honor in my heart, the One who brought me a new start. Give me ears to hear and eyes to see so that I can follow where You lead. In Your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.