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3. Explain why you think Jesus refused to answer the Pharisees question about His authority in v.8.
4. Read vv. 9-12. Who does the man who planted the vineyard represent? Who do the servants sent to collect some of the fruit of the vineyard represent? What does this tell us of God's patience?
5. Why should the tenants have respected the Son all the more? What did the tenants plan instead? How are their actions ridiculous? How is this like our society today?
6. How would you answer the question Jesus asks in v.15 about what the owner of the vineyard should do to them? What do we deserve for our disobedience and rejection of Christ?
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9. What is the effect of rejecting Jesus and His Word described in v.18? How does Paul describe the nature of the Jews stumbling over Jesus in Romans 9:32? How does Peter describe the nature of their stumbling in 1Peter 2:8?
Read Daniel 2:34 and 44-45. What effect did the stone have on the kingdoms of the earth that rejected the authority of God's rules?

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