Indicted for Hardness of Heart

Matthew 21:33-46 (series #120)

Intro: the description of the heart in Jeremiah 17:9

- I. The Specifics of the Parable vv. 33-40
 - A. Landowner = God
 - B. Vineyard = Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7)
 - C. Vinedressers = religious leaders
 - D. Servants = the prophets
 - E. The Son = Jesus
- II. The Application of the Parable vv. 41-44
 - A. The leaders pronounced their own judgment
 - B. Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22-23
 - C. Israel would be temporarily set aside
 - D. Judgment to those who don't embrace Jesus
- III. The Response to the Parable vv. 45-46
 - A. The religious leaders understood Jesus
 - B. They tried to seize Him to kill Him

Conclusion: What is the condition of your heart?