

April 3

*Don't Be Unfruitful in God's Vineyard!*

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My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. He dug it up, gathered out its stones, planted it with the choicest vine, built a tower in its midst, and also cut out a winepress therein. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. — Isaiah 5:1-2

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[Luke 13:6-9, Jerusalem?] He spoke this parable. "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. He said to the vine dresser, 'Behold, these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down. Why does it waste the soil?' He answered, 'Lord, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it. If it bears fruit, fine; but if not, after that, you can cut it down.'"

1. Perhaps a day or two later, this parable addresses judgment a bit differently; how so?
2. In what way are you "wasting soil"? What can you do today to be more fruitful?
3. Jesus, you are merciful to help me bear fruit, yet judgment is coming, so today I will...