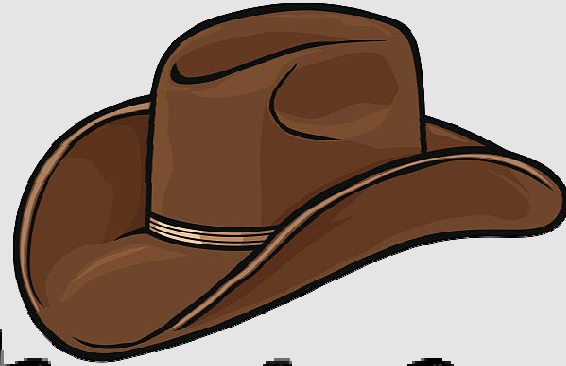




Did You  
Find Your  
Pharisee?







**What is a  
Pharisee?**





# Not "Bad" People

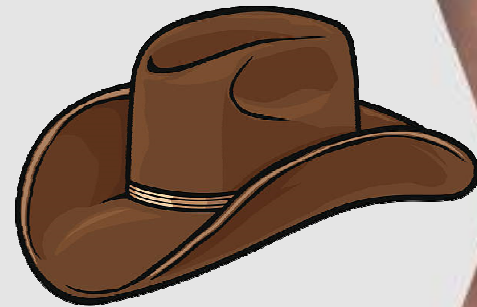
**They were very committed to God**

**They had a love for scripture**

**They sought to help Jews live their faith in a modern manner**

**They believed in the resurrection**

# "Church People"



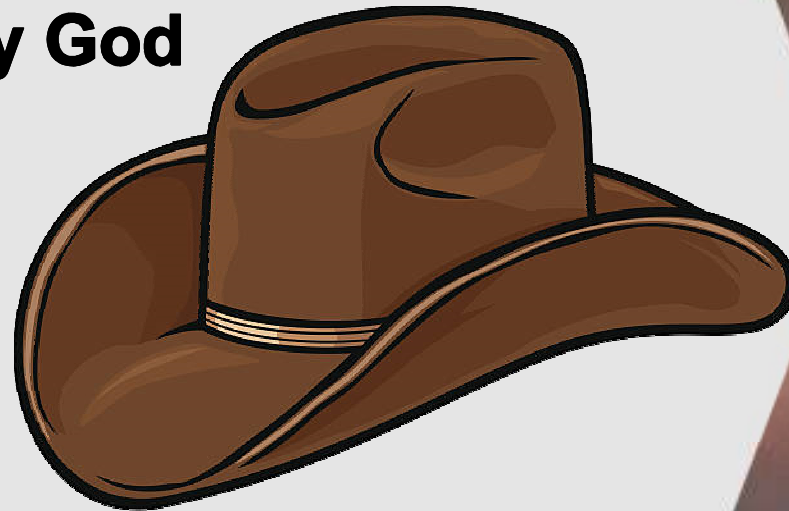


# Where Did They Go Wrong?

The fatal mistake of the Pharisees was that they were doing righteousness for the wrong reasons.

They were doing righteous acts to be seen of men and not to glorify God

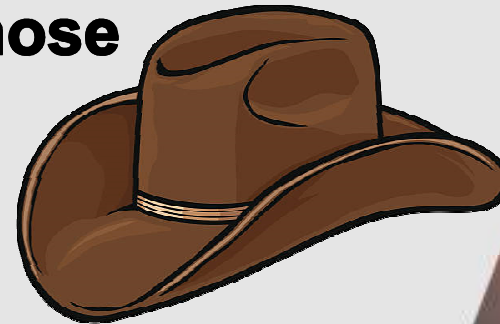
# WHY?



# Woe #7

## Matthew 23:29-32

**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ So, you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!”**



# ***It Just Got Personal!***

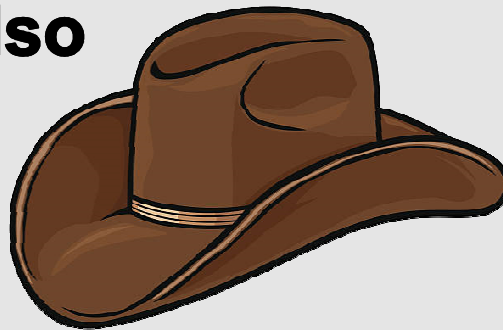
**The Pharisees were all about living righteous, but they were also all about living Jewish**

**Traditions Heritage**

**Paying Homage to the Past.**

***"Church People"***

**They held themselves to a standard of not on our watch**



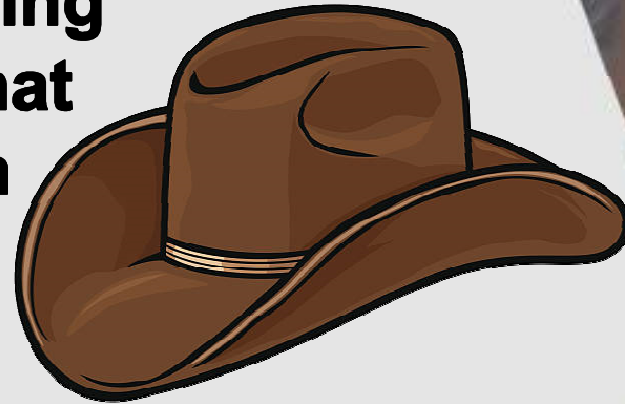


# Finish What You Started!

**But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.**

**Matthew 12:14**

**Here is a group of men claiming to be better than their past that were plotting to kill their own modern-day profit, who was their promised Messiah**

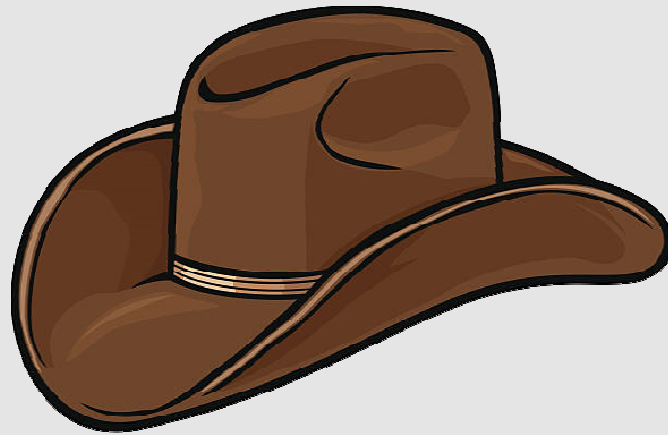


# How Could This Happen?



# Matthew 21:33-41

## The Parable of the Tenants



# Matthew 21:33-41

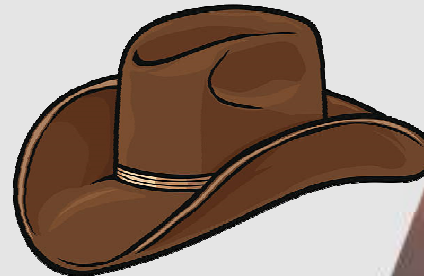
**The story starts with a man that builds a wine making facility**

**Planted a vineyard     He put a wall around it**

**Dug a winepress in it     Built a watchtower**

**However, the man was not interested in making wine, he was in it for profit and rented it to tenants**

# Investment





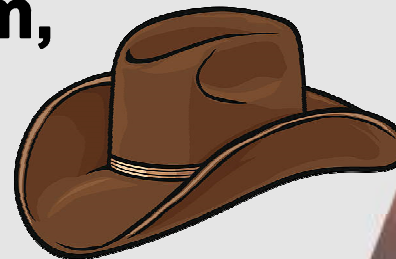
# **Matthew 21:33-41**

**The rent to be paid was a portion of the product they had worked to produce**

**When the harvest came it says the tenants were not interested in honoring the agreement**

**The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.**

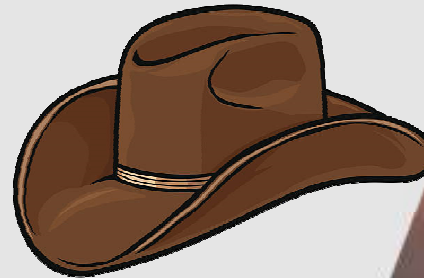
**Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way**



# Send My Son

**‘They will respect my son,’ he said.  
“But when the tenants saw the son,  
they said to each other, ‘This is the heir.  
Come, let’s kill him and take his  
inheritance.’ So, they took him and threw  
him out of the vineyard and killed him.”**

**v. 37-39**

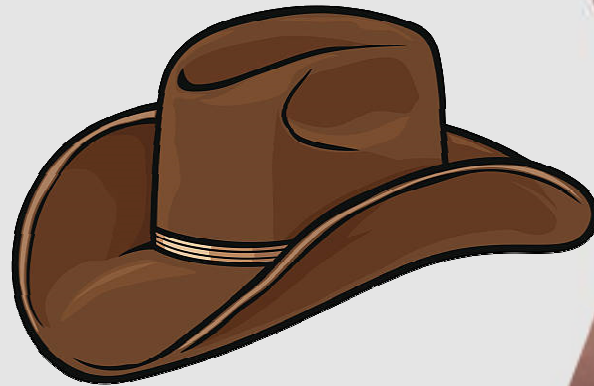


# Matthew 21:33-41

The tenants did not forget it was not theirs to take, they knew exactly what they were doing

The Underestimated the Father's Response

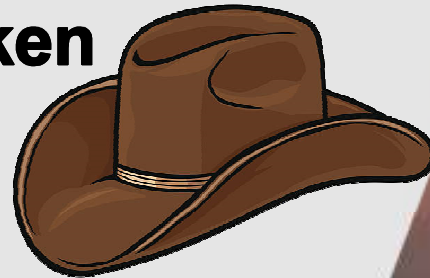
**“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”**





# Who Gets the Hat?

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? “Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”



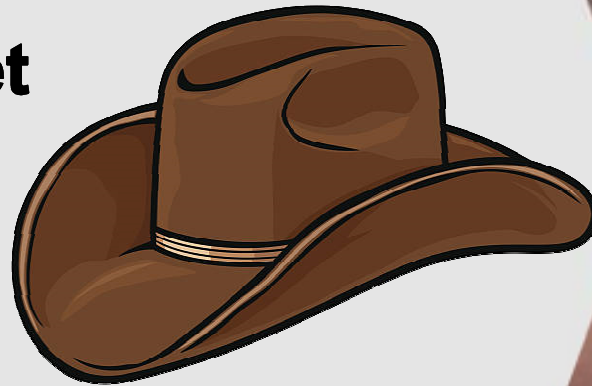
# Who Gets the Hat?

**Jesus points them back to Psalm 118**

**Although he now connects that verses to himself**

**Those who choose to follow him and produce fruit, they get the hat**

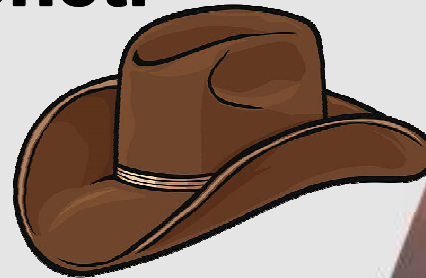
**Those that do not will be crushed by the very stone**



# Message Received

**When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.**

**v. 45-46**

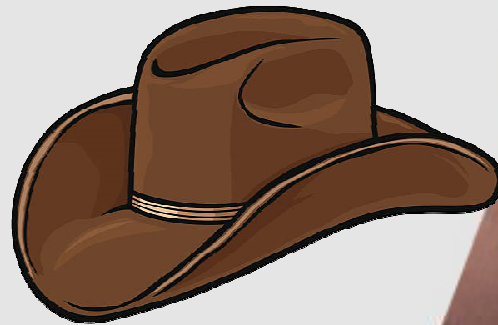


# No-Win Situation

If Jesus lives then they will lose their hat as people are buying in

If they kill Jesus, his prophetic story becomes reality and according to him God will take the hat.

It's NOT Their Hat!

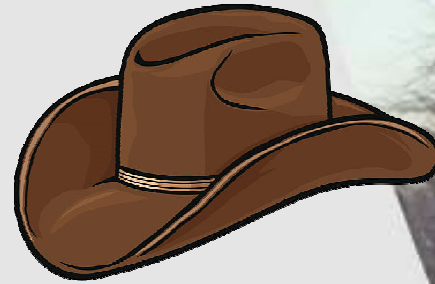




**It's NOT Our Hat!**

**And I tell you that you  
are Peter, and on this rock, I will  
build **my church**, and the gates  
of Hades will not overcome it.**

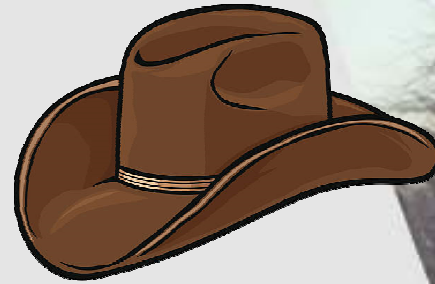
**Matthew 16:18**



# **It's NOT Our Hat!**

**Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.**

**Revelation 2:5**





**Surrender the Hat**