

# Isaiah 5:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

## Analysis

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God's rhetorical question challenges anyone to identify anything more He could have done for Israel. The implied answer—nothing—establishes His complete faithfulness to covenant obligations. The question 'wherefore...brought it forth wild grapes?' expresses divine grief and bewilderment at Israel's perverse response to perfect care. This demonstrates that salvation's failure never lies with God's insufficient grace.

## Historical Context

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Israel had received the law, prophets, temple worship, deliverance from Egypt, conquest of Canaan, and establishment as a kingdom—every covenant provision. Their failure was inexcusable.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage answer those who claim God hasn't given them enough to believe?
2. What does Christ's incarnation add to the vineyard parable regarding God's exhaustive provision?

## Interlinear Text

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מֶה	וַיַּעַשׂ	עוֹד	לְכַרְמִי	וְלֹא
H4100	What could have been done	H5750	more to my vineyard	H3808
	H6213		H3754	
וַיַּעַשׂ	בּוֹ	מִדּוֹ	קָנֹתִי	
What could have been done	H0	in it wherefore	when I looked	
H6213		H4069	H6960	
וַיַּעַשׂ	עֲנָבִים	וַיַּעַשׂ	בְּאֲשִׁים:	
What could have been done	grapes	What could have been done	wild grapes	
H6213	H6025	H6213	H891	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 23:37** (Parallel theme): O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

**Jeremiah 2:5** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

**Isaiah 1:5** (Parallel theme): Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

**Ezekiel 24:13** (Parallel theme): In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

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