

Matthew 21:28-32

Matthew 21:28-32 The Parable of the Two Second-Guessing Sons: Promises, Promises: "Potential" Means You Ain't Done Anything Yet

Context of Matthew 21:28-32

Jerusalem 33AD: Just Days Before the Crucifixion

Emotional But Superficial Recognition of Jesus by the Crowds 21:1-11

The Temple Visibly Seems to Be Thriving But the System is Corrupt 21:12-17

A Fig Tree With Visible But Misleading Signs of Fruitage is Cursed 21:18-22

The Spiritually Dead Leaders of Judaism: Offended By/Directly Challenge Jesus 21:23-27

Jesus Teaches Them (and Us) Three Parables Spiritual Apostasy 21:28-22:14

1: The Parable of the Two Sons 21:28-32

2: The Parable of the Vineyard and the Death of the Son 21:33-46

3: The Parable of the Wedding Guests of the Son 22:1-14

The Parable v28-30

[Jesus asked the Leaders of Institutional Judaism]

But what do you think? A man had two sons:

And he came to the first and said, son, go work today in the vineyard.

And he [the son] answered, I will not! But afterward he regretted it and went.

The man came to the second and said the same thing

And he [the son] answered, I *will*, sir! But he did not go.

The Pronouncement v21-32

Which of the two did the will of his father?

They said, the first [son].

Jesus said to them: Truly I say to you that the Tax Collectors and Prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you. For John [the Baptizing Jewish Prophet] came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the Tax Collectors and Prostitutes did believe him and you, seeing, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

21:32 *the way of righteousness.* A familiar Jewish phrase for “the way of God’s will” or “the right way” (e.g., Pr 8:20; 12:28; 16:31). *tax collectors.* See note on 9:9. *prostitutes.* Although Jewish texts speak of prostitution as primarily a Gentile practice, both foreign and Jewish prostitutes are attested in ancient Israel, including in Jerusalem.

Repentance and Faith (Repentant Faith) and John the Baptizing Jewish Prophet

John 1:35-51 Following the Input of JTBJP-John, Andrew, Peter Philip and Nate believe in Jesus as the Christ

Mark 1:1-4 John Preached a Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins

Acts 19:4 The Apostle Paul Tells Us What Mark 1:4 Means: “John baptized with the baptism of repentance telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him/John, that is in Jesus.

Doctor Luke Goes Out of His Way in the Book of Acts To Teach: Saving Repentance and Saving Faith Aren’t Two Things...They are the Same Thing

Acts 2:38/2:44

Acts 3:19/4:4

Acts 10:43/11:17-18

Acts 13:23-24/13:39

Acts 17:30/17:34

Acts 19:4/Mark 1:4

Take This To Heart from Matthew 21:28-32

GENERALLY: In Life

- 1: Don’t make promises you can’t and/or won’t keep
- 2: It is easy to say you will do X, it is harder to actually follow through
- 3: Its not how/where you start....but how/where you finish that really counts

SPECIFICALLY: In the Spiritual Life

Many reject the Gospel many tTimes BEFORE they by God’s Grace believe in Jesus
In Repentant Faith (Changing Their Minds about Their Sin, Self and Their Savior as They
Actively Receptively Trust in Christ Alone (SAS/LBSR) for Salvation

Remember: Evangelism is a Process NOT a Point Act