

Parables

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Matt 21:28-32

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Confrontation in the final days... Mt.21:1-27

What incredible event is occurring in Mt.21:1-11? note 21:4-5 (Zech.9:9); see Dan.9:25

The Triumphal Entry. The official, prophecy fulfilling presentation of Messiah the Prince!

What were some things He did immediately after this? 21:12-14

He drove the money-changers out of the temple and healed the blind and lame.

What was one thing that the leaders of Israel were indignant about? 21:14b-16; vs.9

The children shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David"! See Lu.19:29-40; Ps.118:26

Describe the subsequent discourse between Jesus and the leaders? 21:23-27

The leadership of Israel is trying to discredit Jesus. Jesus is rejecting them! Judgment...

What application for us do we find in this situation? Heb.3:15; II Cor.6:1-2; Gen.6:3

Repent now, Today, while God's grace is still extended to you. It won't last forever!

The parable of the man who had two sons...Mt.21:28-31

What was the action of the first son? 21:28-29 and the second? 21:30

He initially refused to obey, later changed his mind. The second said 'yes', but didn't obey.

What *penetrating* question does Jesus ask of the rejecting leaders? 21:31a

Of the two sons, which one actually obeyed? The one who repented or the one who lied?

Jesus specifically gives them the interpretation! Who is represented by the first son? 21:31b

The ones who repented at the preaching of John the Baptist; tax collectors and prostitutes.

What then, is the *first* specific thing Jesus condemns the leaders for? 21:32a

The leaders did not believe John, but the tax collectors and prostitutes (sinners!) did.

What is the *second* specific thing Jesus condemns the leaders for? 21:32b

They saw these wretched sinners repenting and still would not repent and believe John!

What is the clear warning to them, and to us today?

There's a deadly sequence to rejecting! And the witness of those who do repent is powerful

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