

What Do You Think?

Matthew #140

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus responds to their silence with three appropriate parables. All three parables are designed to show how the Jews had rejected God's authority through Jesus. With each parable both the rejection and punishment grow progressively worse.

In the first parable, those who reject Jesus are like the wicked son who didn't do what the father asked. In the second, they are like the wicked servants who kill the son and will receive just recompense. In the third parable, they are like those who rejected the king's invitation and will therefore be rejected from the Messianic banquet.

Here Jesus explains the point: the tax collectors and prostitutes are like the first son who said no. The Pharisees in contrast expressed obedience like the second son

Main point? Sinners will enter the kingdom; the religious leaders will not.

Simply put: Jesus says, "It's not those who talk the right talk that honor God, but those who walk the right walk."

Jesus' parable offers not a choice between good and bad but between two evils.

They had been exposed to the full light of the prophet of God and the even greater light of the Son of God, yet they refused to be enlightened.