

# STORIES THAT STILL SPEAK

## Three Parables of Rejection

MATTHEW 21:28-22:14

*What do you think? A man had two sons, and he went to the first and said, 'Off you go, my lad, and work in the vineyard today.'*<sup>29</sup> *'No, I won't'; he replied; but later he changed his mind and went.*<sup>30</sup> *He went to the other and said the same thing. 'Yes sir,' he replied; but he didn't go.*<sup>31</sup> *'Which of the two did his father's will?' 'The first,' they replied. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you truly that the tax collectors and the prostitutes will go into the kingdom of God before you.*<sup>32</sup> *For John came to you as a preacher of righteousness and you didn't believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him and even when you saw this, you did not change your minds later and believe him.'* MATTHEW 21:28-32 NIV

### I. Jesus was a Truth Teller:

1. He comforted the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He afflicted the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He brought truth to \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>28</sup>...And then when Jesus had come to the end of these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching<sup>29</sup> because he was teaching them as someone who had authority, and not as their scribes taught*  
Mt. 7:28-29

### II. Three Parables of Rejection

1. The Parable of the two sons - actions speak louder than words.  
(21:28-32)
2. The Parable of the vineyard - rejectors face the consequences.  
(21:33-44)
3. The Parable of the wedding feast - rejectors are replaced.  
(22:1-14)

### III. Principles

1. Truth telling is not \_\_\_\_\_.  
*But when they sought to lay hands on him... (21:46a KJV)*
2. Truth telling requires the work of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...that in this I may speak boldly as I ought to speak. Eph. 6:20 KJV*
3. Truth receiving is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*And David said unto Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'*  
2 Samuel 12:13a KJV

***Tolerating deception is so destructive!***

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