

The Parable of Two Sons: What It Takes to Enter God's Kingdom

Mathew 21: 28-32

1 *The parable:*

A man and his two sons

- a. The father commands the first son to go work in his vineyard
 - 1) He says, "I will not"
 - 2) He later changes his mind and goes
- b. The father also commands the second son to work
 - 1) He says, "I will, sir"
 - 2) He never goes
- c. The first son did what his father wanted

2. *The point:*

Sinners enter the kingdom before religionists (the self-righteous and those who make a false profession)

3. *The reason:*

Religionists do not believe John - that Jesus is the Son of God

- a. John preached righteousness
- b. Sinners believed John
- c. The religionists saw changed lives but still did not repent and believe

28 "What do you think?

There was a man who had two sons.
He went to the first and said,
'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

29 "'I will not,' he answered,
but later he changed his mind and went.

30 "Then the father went to the other son
and said the same thing.
He answered, 'I will, sir,'
but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"
"The first," they answered.
Jesus said to them,
"I tell you the truth,
the tax collectors and the prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you
to show you
the way of righteousness,
and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did.
And even after you saw this,
you did not repent and believe him.