

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32

Key Verse: 21:31b

"Jesus said to them, `I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the [kingdom of God](#) ahead of you.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 28-32. To whom was Jesus speaking this parable? How is it related to the previous passage? (18-27)
2. Review the father's conversation with the first son (29-30). What kind of person is he? Can you think of anyone in the Bible or anywhere else who first said "no" but later obeyed?
3. Review the conversation with the second son (30). What kind of person is he? Why did he agree to go in the first place? Why did he back out? What question did Jesus ask? What was the answer?
4. How did Jesus apply this parable to the tax collectors, prostitutes and the religious leaders? How had they responded to the preaching of John the Baptist? Why is this important?
5. What can we learn here about Jesus from Jesus' parable? With whom do you identify?