

Part 1 - A Father and Two Sons
Matthew 21:28-32

“Jesus refuses to reveal himself to liars.”

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“Jesus reveals to liars truth about themselves.”

Invitation

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Application

Big Idea:

Reveal to liars **truth about themselves.**

Story #1 - A Father and 2 Sons

“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

“And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went.

“And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but did not go.

“Which of the two did the will of his father?”
They said, ‘The first.’

“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

“For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him.

“And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

Matthew 21:28-32

Invitation - What do you think?

Story - a father, 2 sons, and working in a vineyard

What does the father do?

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The father went.

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The father invites.

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“go and work in the vineyard today” (28b)

What do the sons do?

Son #1 - **receives** the invitation from the father, **rejects** it, **reconsiders** it, **responds**

Receive

Receive

Reject

Receive

Reject

Reconsider

Receive

Reject

Reconsider

Respond

Receive

Reject

Reconsider

Respond - change of mind

Receive

Reject

Reconsider

Respond - change of mind - went

Son #2 - receives the invitation from the father, accepts it, sits still

Accepts

Accepts

Sits still

Question - “Who did the father’s will?”

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Response - “**The first**”

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“protos” = first

Application -

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Truth #1 - You aren't **first** in line.

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.”

Matthew 9:9

“And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

“And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’

“But when he heard it, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

“Go and learn what this means: “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.” For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:10-13

“One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner,

“when she learned that he [Jesus] was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house,

“brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears

“and wiped them with the hair of her head
and kissed his feet and anointed them with
the ointment.

“Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself,

“If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.”

Luke 7:36-39

“Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

“You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.

“You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much.

“But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

“And he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”

“Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this, who even forgives sins?’

“And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’”

Luke 7:44b-50

Truth #1 - You aren't first in line.

Truth #2 - You **rejected** John's message.

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Truth #3 - The tax collectors and prostitutes
believed.

“But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him [John].” (32b)

Truth #4 - You see lives changed but
reject the truth that changes lives.

“and even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.” (32b)

Jesus reveals to liars the truth about themselves.

Answer Jesus's first question -
“What do you think?”

The truth is - Jesus **is courageous.**

The truth is - Jesus invites me to a **total-**
person response.

The truth is - I am a **chief priest** as well as a **tax collector** and a **prostitute**.