

A SUPPER PARABLE

Discussion Guide

March 17

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Introduction

The parable of the two sons is given by Jesus during Holy Week. Note that the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is at the beginning of the chapter. Jesus tells the story (the parable) in response to the chief priests and the elders confronting him because of what he had done once he entered the city.

Read Matthew 21:1-46 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Have you ever said you'd do something, but then didn't do it? (Something that another person counted on you to do.) What was it?
2. In verse 23, the religious leaders confronted Jesus with this question: "By what authority are you doing these things?" What are the "things" they're referring to?
3. Compare and contrast the two brothers in this story with the prodigal son and his older brother. (Luke 15:11-21)
4. Do you identify with one of the two sons more than the other? Why? Do you identify with both sons equally? Why?
5. What does the vineyard represent in this story?
6. Read the next story (verses 33-41). What lesson does this story teach? How does it reinforce the story of the two sons?
7. Why did Jesus tell these stories to the religious leaders?
8. How should we apply each story to our own lives?