



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | True faith transforms.

Matthew 21:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ "Which of the two obeyed his father?"

They replied, "The first."

Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. ³² For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins."

Choose action over acting.

"The test of our obedience is not in what we say, but in what we do." - A.W. Tozer

Are you choosing actions over acting?

Matthew 21:38-46 (NLT)

³⁸ “But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’ ³⁹ So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him.

⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?”

⁴¹ The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.”

⁴² Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures?”

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is wonderful to see.’

⁴³ I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

⁴⁵ When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

Accept, don't attack, Jesus.

"Every person who rejects Christ is stacking the bricks that will form the walls of their own prison." - C.S. Lewis

Have you accepted Jesus as Messiah?

Matthew 22:4-14 (NLT)

⁴ "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'" ⁵ But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. ⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.

⁷ "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town." ⁸ And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor.' ⁹ Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.' ¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding." ¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply. ¹³ Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Prepare for the party.

"Christ did not come to make good works merely possible or to produce an incentive for them; He came to make good works inevitable." - John Murray

Are you preparing for the party?

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

- 1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?*
- 2. Read the Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32). Which of the two brothers do you currently relate to and why? What are some practical ways we can ensure our actions align with our commitments to God?*
- 3. Why do our actions better represent our obedience rather than just what we say?*
- 4. Considering the Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21:33-46), how does our response to Jesus' love shape our relationship with Him? In what ways might we be unintentionally rejecting His message in our daily lives?*
- 5. How have you experienced transformation in your life as a result of your faith in Christ? Share a specific instance where your faith prompted you to take action.*

6. Read Matthew 22:4-14. Where do you need to shift your focus to preparing for the party Jesus has elected us to? What are some practical ways we can actively prepare ourselves to accept God's invitation to His Kingdom?