

**Matthew 21:23-22:14- Jesus the controversialist – part 1**

**Increasing tension**

**Whose authority?**

**Parable #1 – The Two Sons**

...all the right noises BUT there was no action

those you would least expect.. the tax collectors and the prostitutes put their trust in Jesus

Matthew 21:45 ...knew this parable was speaking about them

**Parable #2 – The Tenants**

... the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to another.

Psalm 118

stone = 'eben

... son = ben.

... the Kingdom of God will be taken away from them and will be given to people who will produce its fruit.

**Parable #3 – The Wedding banquet**

... the Kingdom of God is immanent

Verse 11 ... not wearing wedding clothes.

... you come to the wedding based on his terms.

= The stone the builders rejected

= only for those who come through Jesus.

**For us today**

1) A terrible end

**2) A Generous King**

**3) On God's terms**

**4) Producing fruit matters**