

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**