

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## THE BOOK OF MATTHEW THE COLLISION OF AUTHORITIES

**Matthew 21:23-27** *The Authority of Jesus Questioned* "Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?'<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.<sup>25</sup> John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?' They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?"<sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin"—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.'<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.' Then he said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'"

### THE THREE PARABLES OF REJECTION

#### 1. The parable of the two sons.

**Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)** "'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard."<sup>29</sup> "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.<sup>30</sup> Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go.<sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.'<sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.'"

☑ **Application: The trap of religion**

☑ **All that matters is what? Repentance.**

**Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)** "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'"

**Matthew 4:17 (NIV)** "From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'"

**Acts 2:38 (NIV)** "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

☑ **Repentance is a command.**

**Acts 17:30-31 (NIV)** "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

☑ **God is patient with us.**

**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)** "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

**Romans 2:4 (NIV)** "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"

## 2. The parable of the wicked tenants.

**Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)** "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

<sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"?' <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. <sup>44</sup> Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.' <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet."

### **Application: The illusion of ownership.**

**Deuteronomy 6:10-13 (NIV)** "When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers...cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Fear the LORD your God, serve him only..."

## 3. The parable of the wedding banquet.

**Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)** "Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup> Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup> For many are invited, but few are chosen."

### **Application: The status of the invitation vs. the joy of the feast.**

### **Application: The wedding garment.**

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