

## Thinking about our text

“Who are You and why do You think You have the authority to do the things You’re doing and the words You’re teaching.” That’s the complaint against Jesus. His response? To ask a question: “The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” When the leaders where unwilling to answer His question Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

He moves then to the story of the two sons. Both were asked to work in the vineyard. The first said “I will not,” but later changed his mind and went. The second said, “I go, sir,” but didn’t go. When the leaders answered correctly that it was the first son who did the will of his father, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him...”

As you consider this text and its meaning for your life, perhaps the following questions will help. Ask yourself:

- Who gave Jesus the authority to say and do what He did?
- When asked by the Father, do you heed the call to which He calls you?
- Do you believe in the one of whom John prepared His way: Jesus, the Christ?

May God help you to heed God’s call to you and respond, in faith, by doing God’s will for your life.



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**A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” And he answered, “I will not,” but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, “I go, sir,” but did not go.**

Matthew 21:28b-30