

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Accountability for What I've Heard?
Matthew 21:28-32

Question: How accountable are we to respond to what we hear and see? Or is simply looking the part, good enough?

I. The Context: Jesus Challenged by the Conscientious People (23-27)

~ Tuesday before the crucifixion

II. The Parable of the Two Sons (28-30)

III. The Question and Answer (self-condemning) (31a)

IV. The Bombshell Revelation (31-32)

~ prostitutes and tax collectors before you.

Points to Ponder: Recently we have heard of “deep fakes.” They are digitally produced people who look and sound like the real thing - but they are not. On a spiritual level the church has always been a breeding ground for spiritual deep fakes. While I can easily be duped, our God never is. We have heard and seen much of Jesus here. Yet the real question is: have we “changed our minds and believed him (vs. 32b)?”

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Matthew 21:33-46** ‘Am I Missing God’s Limited Patience?’

