

SERIES: *The Puzzle of Parables*
TITLE: *Righteous Brothers*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Bob Marvel*
PASSAGE: *Matthew 21:23-32*
DATES: *November 13-14, 2021*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- God is just as concerned with self-righteousness as He is with unrighteousness.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you have siblings? If so, tell us a little about them.
 - Why do you suppose Jesus addresses a parable specifically to the Pharisees and the teachers of the law?
 - Why made the religious leaders so upset with Jesus and why did they question his authority?
 - What were the reasons the religious leaders refused to answer Jesus's question about John's authority?
 - Why wouldn't Jesus tell the religious leaders by what authority he did what he did?
 - In the parable that Jesus told, he described two sons. Which of the two sons are you most like, and why?
 - Which brother better represented the religious leaders, and why?
 - Why are self-righteousness and unrighteousness similarly bad?
 - Why would tax collectors and prostitutes get into heaven ahead of the religious leaders?
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NEXT STEPS

- What is one application from this parable for you?
- Spend time in prayer to repent of any unrighteousness and embrace His righteousness.