

May 10

## ***The Authorities Have Refused the Way of Righteousness***

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I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice  
In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death – Proverbs 8:20, 12:28

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[Matthew 21:28-32, Jerusalem, Tuesday] Jesus said to them, “Most certainly I tell you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. When you saw it, you didn’t even repent afterward, that you might believe him.”

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind, and went. He came to the second, and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he didn’t go. Which of the two did the will of his father?”

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They said to him, “The first.”

1. Does this story convict you? Who’s entering the Kingdom before you? What will you do?
2. What’s your “way of righteousness? How does unbelief avoid it? How will you repent?
3. Jesus, I serve an authority structure that pays you lip service, help me break out of it by...