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Q&A

Who questioned Jesus' authority?

Which son in the parable did his father's will?

Read more about it in Matthew 21

A Good News Story

Jesus Tells of Two Sons

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One day, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area.

The chief priests and elders of the people approached Him.

“By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?” they asked.

Jesus looked at them.

“I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things,” He said.

“Where was John’s baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?” Jesus wanted to know.

The chief priests and elders of the people discussed the question among themselves.

“If we say, ‘Of heavenly origin,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet,” they whispered to each other.

In light of these things, the chief priests and elders of the people decided to say that they did not know the answer.

“Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things,” Jesus replied.



Think and write

Describe a time when you followed through on a promise you had made, and explain the importance of doing so.)

Jesus then posed another question. “What is your opinion?” He asked as He began to tell the parable of a man and his two sons.

The man came to the first son and told him to go out and work in the vineyard for the day, Jesus said.

“I will not,” the first son replied, but afterward he changed his mind and went.

The man approached his second son and told him to work in the vineyard that day.

“Yes, sir,” the second son replied, but he did not go.

“Which of the two did his father’s will?” Jesus asked.

The chief priests and the elders of the people agreed that the first son — the one who had said he would not work in the vineyard but changed his mind and went — is the one who did his father’s will.

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you,” Jesus said. “When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

Advent Means Waiting

Advent, the first season of the Church year, begins Nov. 29.

This is the season when we wait to celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus.

One popular Advent tradition is lighting an advent wreath in our homes.

In the U.S., we often

use three purple and one pink candle in our wreaths. In Germany, the candles are often red (see picture at right).

No matter the colors, you and your family can bless your wreath using the prayer on page 10 of this issue.



(CNS photo/Jannis Chavakis, KNA)

Sterling Students Learn about Saints



(Photo provided)

Eighth-grade students at St. Mary School in Sterling pose as saints with pastor Father James Keenan (back row, third from right), at Mass Nov. 2 for All Saint’s Day. The eighth graders each prepared and read a story about a saint to other students in the school.

Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the Good News story.

ton neth idd mih

veelbie uyo hwy

Put the words in order.

Then why did you not believe him?

Answers: not, then, did, him, believe, you, why