

St. Matthew 21:23-32

NLT

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

²³ When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, “By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?”

²⁴ “I’ll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question,” Jesus replied. ²⁵ “Did John’s authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?”

They talked it over among themselves. “If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn’t believe John. ²⁶ But if we say it was merely human, we’ll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they finally replied, “We don’t know.” And Jesus responded, “Then I won’t tell you by what authority I do these things.

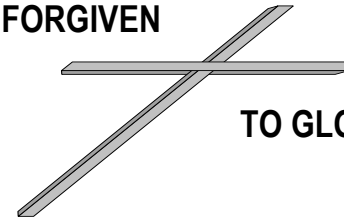
Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ “But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ The son answered, ‘No, I won’t go,’ but later he changed his mind and went anyway. ³⁰ Then the father told the other son, ‘You go,’ and he said, ‘Yes, sir, I will.’ But he didn’t go. ³¹ “Which of the two obeyed his father?”

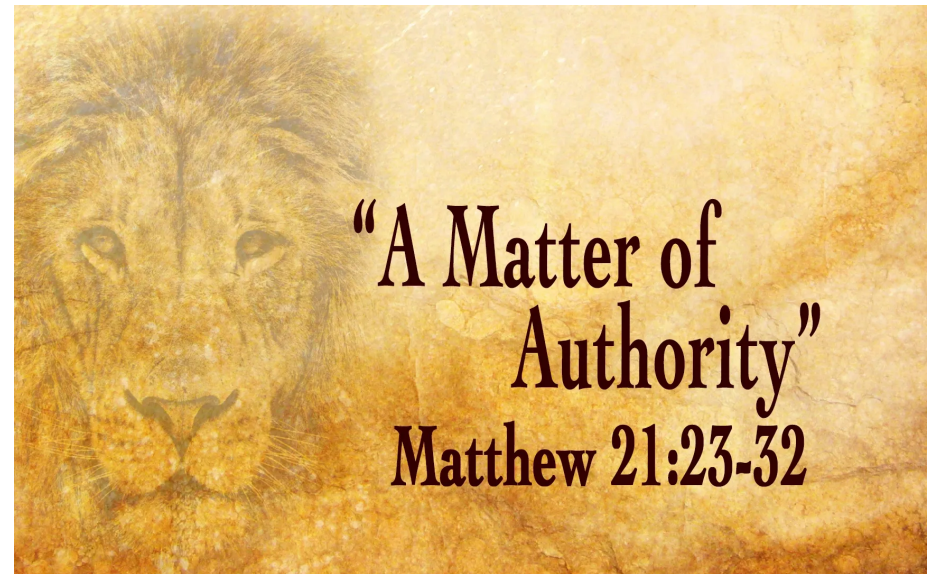
They replied, “The first.”

Then Jesus explained his meaning: “I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. ³² For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn’t believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins.

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Sunday 27th September 2026 10:30 am

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for
Living our best Christ Life!**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “In Your Time” **SB #63**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

Praise: “Worship the Lord” **SB #83**

Celebrating the Truth of God’s Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Matthew 21:23-32 NLT

Message: “The real authority of walking the talk!”

Celebrating the Truth of God’s gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “**God my Father loving me**” vs 3, 4 **BP #359**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Will you come & follow Me?” **SB #68**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “My Peace” **SB #42**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – Doon Village Retirement Home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Dee Lamothe – Winston Park LTC

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Rose Vanderkruk – at home

Events This Week: 27th September – 04th October 2026

Sunday: 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, cake, & conversation in the Gray Hall.

Monday: 3:15 – 6 pm – Music Therapy
7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS meeting in the Gray Hall

Tuesday: 11:15 am – Celebration of Life for Bob Kenzie at Erb & Good Funeral Home
3:30 – 8 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall

Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall

Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
11 am – Celebration of Life for Stephen Day at Erb & Good Funeral Home

Friday: 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy

Sunday: 10:30 am – World Communion Sunday Worship Service;

Please keep Janis Kenzie and her family in your prayers for the Lord to comfort them with His peace as they grieve Bob's death this past week. Visitation for Bob will be at Erb & Good Funeral Home on Monday 28th September at 2-4 & 6-8 pm, then on Tuesday at 10-11 am with the Celebration of Bob's life at 11:15 am.

And please keep Jo Anne & John Aitken in your prayers for the Lord's peace to comfort them as they grieve the death of Jo Anne's brother Stephen. A graveside celebration of Steve's life will be on Thursday 01st October at 11 am at Memory Gardens.

Sunday School Fall 2026:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: September 13 & 27; October 11 & 25; November 08 & 22; December 6.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca). We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Graham, and Nicolene

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Bible Study group will NOT be gathering on Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 am, neither online nor in person. This study will begin the following week. The on-line study will be facilitated by Fiona and William Hewitt and the in-person one at KEPC Fireside Room by Julie Murray. The first topic for the 26/27 season will be Praying the Psalms. Study books will be provided at a cost of \$20 each. For more information, please speak to Julie Murray.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu "Donate Now") and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Financial Update: August 2026

We have a shortfall of a little over \$5000 for the month and a year-to-date shortfall of almost \$17,000. This is the last of the summer months so hopefully we'll see an uptick in offerings for the balance of the year so we can reach our goal of break-even financially. Thanks for your support of KEPC.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.