

## “I Don’t Believe It”

Matthew 21:23-32

### **Today’s BIG IDEA:**

***It’s not enough to behold Jesus. We have to believe in Jesus.***

### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ question (v.23-27)

A. A question of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23)

B. An obvious \_\_\_\_\_ (v.24-26)  
*(Matthew 3:1-12)*

C. A clear \_\_\_\_\_ (v.27)

- *You can embrace the authority of Jesus, or you can oppose it. But you cannot ignore it.*

### 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ parable (v.28-32)

A. A question of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.28-31a)

B. An obvious \_\_\_\_\_ (v.31b)

- *The Lord desires our obedience, not our opinions.*

C. A clear \_\_\_\_\_ (v.31c-32)

- *Religion does not lead to salvation. Only repentance does.*

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. How can we be confident that Jesus has ultimate authority? What evidence does he provide for us?
2. In what ways can our faith be more religion-based than repentance-based? How can we keep our faith repentance-based rather than religion-based?
3. What does it really mean to “believe in” Jesus? If we truly believe in Jesus, what evidence will be displayed in our lives?