

A close-up photograph of a brown leather baseball glove lying on a grassy field. A white baseball with red stitching is positioned in the center of the glove's pocket. The background is a soft-focus view of green grass and some dry leaves. The overall lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

# **THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT**

## **Matthew 21:28-22:14**



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- **How many of you enjoy trilogies, whether books or movies?**
- **What are some of your favorites?**
- **In this lesson, we are going to look at a trilogy found in the scriptures.**
  - **It was a series of three parables that Jesus could have called the “Rejection Trilogy!”**



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- These parables took place in the Temple, probably on Monday before his crucifixion on Friday.
- They were directed towards the chief priests and the elders of the people- 21:23 (which would have included members of the Sadducees and Pharisees- 21:45) when they questioned his authority (21:23).



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- **We know these three parables as:**
  - **The Parable of the Two Sons**
  - **The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers**
  - **The Parable of the Wedding Feast**
- **They address the three opportunities given to that generation of Jews concerning salvation.**



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- *Let's consider.....*
- **THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS**
  - They had been invited to adhere to the preaching of John the Baptist.
  - Matthew 3:1-3, 7
  - Mark 1:4
  - Luke 3:1-20



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- *Let's consider.....*
- **THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED VINEDRESSERS**
  - They had been invited to acknowledge the person of Jesus Christ.
    - To recognize the Messiah of the scriptures.- Jn. 5:39.- 3 witnesses: John, Works, Scripture.
    - To respect and submit to the Son of God.



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- *Let's consider.....*
- **THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST**
  - They would be invited to accept participation in the kingdom of God.
  - Just a little more than 50 days from the time Jesus would speak this parable, Peter and the other apostles would stand to officiate over the marriage ceremony of 3000 souls to Christ.



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- Three rejections
- Three strikes
- If folks fail to connect on the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch (pun intended), then you are out.
  - WithOUT Christ
  - WithOUT Hope