

Believers Will Enter the Kingdom ahead of Unbelievers

“Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.” Matthew 21:31-32

Since becoming a Christian universalist, I notice little things in the Scriptures that support universalism, things that I never noticed before. In the above passage, which I read in church today, Jesus pointed out that the tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the Kingdom ahead of the chief priests and elders of Israel. The reason is that the tax collectors and prostitutes believed the Gospel message and the chief priests and elders of Israel did not. Notice that Jesus did not say unbelievers would never enter the kingdom, only that believers would enter first. Interesting, huh?