

DUVET DAY

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This sketch is based on Matthew 21 vv 28-31 and is a take on the Parable Of The Two Sons. The two sons spend most of the time in bed – perhaps to indicate that they were teenagers! This could be done by them each standing but holding a blanket.

CAST

Narrator

Father

John *First son. He first refuses, then responds to his father's request.*

Tom *Second son. He first accepts, then refuses his father's request.*

John and Tom are on stage. Both in bed asleep.

Narrator Jesus asked the chief priests and elders of the people, "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said..

ENTER Father

Father Wake up, John.

John *[Groaning. Had been asleep]* Eh? What time is it?

Father Time to get up.

John But it's not even daylight.

Father I want you to go and work in the vineyard today.

John You must be joking. Anyway, my diary is full for today.

Father Full with what?

John I have got it down as a duvet day.

Father Come on, John. I am asking you as my son. Will you go and work in our vineyard today?

John I will not. *[Turns over to go back to sleep.]*

Dad Oh, very well.

Narrator Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing.

Dad Wake up, Tom!

Tom Eh? What time is it?

Father Time to get up.

Tom Oh right. Thanks, Dad. *[Sarcastically]* It's great having you as an alarm clock. *[To himself as a mutter]* Not.

Father Tom, I want you to go and work in the vineyard today.

Tom In the vineyard?

Father Yes, that's right

Tom *[Over the top positivity]* Oh, yes, sir. I will, right away, sir. Your wish is my command.

Father Great, I'll see you there.

Tom No problem. I'll be right there.

EXIT Dad

John *[Tossing and turning]* Oh boy, I'm wide awake now.
[Sighs. Thinking to himself] I suppose I should go and help dad. It is the family vineyard after all. I should do my bit – as a dutiful son.
 And he did ask nicely.
[Getting up]
 OK, dad – you win. Here I come. Show me those grapes.

EXIT Tom

Tom *[Turning over in bed]* Oh boy, I'm still half asleep.
[Yawns. Pulls up blanket] And it is very cosy, here in bed. I don't want to trog off to the vineyard. That'll be hard work. I don't fancy that one bit.
 Anyway – it is dad's vineyard. It's his responsibility, not mine.
 Sorry, dad – you lose. I'm staying right here – under my duvet.

Narrator Jesus then asked, "Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?"

[Tom snores loudly. Father and John re-enter. Father has arm around John's shoulder.]

Narrator *[Looking to audience]* What do you think?

THE END