



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 21:1-17” on April 5th

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 21:1-17

- What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

RIDING INTO THE LIVES AROUND YOU

Jesus’ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday spoke VOLUMES symbolically about who He was, why He came as He did, and what His kingdom would look like! Yet some of those who shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David!” would later cry “Crucify Him” when He didn’t set up the kind of earthly kingdom they were looking for.

- Each day you come ‘riding into’ the lives of those around you. What do you think the people in your life say about who you are, what your purpose is, and what your ‘kingdom’ looks like?
- Is it easy or is it difficult for you to trust Jesus in your life right now?
- In Scripture, Jesus told us who He is in many different passages; Jason told us who Jesus is to HIM...Who is Jesus to you?

Passages where Jesus describes who he is: Matthew 11:25-30, John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:7-9, John 10 11-18, John 11:25, John 14:6, John 15:1-17,

STANDING IN THE WAY OF HIS GRACE

Jesus angrily drove out the merchants and money changers from the temple, saying they were making His house of prayer into a den of thieves. In Scripture, Jesus’ anger arose only when people stood in the way of His grace.

SHARING HIS GRACE

Jesus wants us to share His grace and not stand in the way of people getting to His grace.

- What does that look like in your family unit? How could you provide opportunities for your family to put others first, and serve them, especially in this stay-at-home situation we are in?
- What does that look like within the Church at large? When this coronavirus crisis is over, how could church be different in reflecting the kindness and gentleness of Jesus to those around us?

REPENT

Jason gave us a challenge: LOOK AT YOUR LIFE....Repent of any wrong messages we’ve given in the way we spend OUR money and time, and the image of ‘church’ our lives reflect.

- What would this act of repentance look like in your life?
- This time of isolation is a good time to evaluate what the real ESSENTIALS are in our lives; what NON-ESSENTIALS are competing with your relationship with Jesus?

RESPOND

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

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CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

Holy Week timeline if you want to follow along:

Sunday

Triumphal Entry – Matthew 21:1-11 & return to Bethany

Monday

Cleans the Temple, blind man, & lame man – Matthew 21:12-16, The Fig Tree – Matthew 21:18-22, & return to Bethany

Tuesday

Disciple Question the Fig Tree – Mark 11:20-21, Matthew 24-25 “Olivet Discourse” on the Mount of Olives in Bethany

Wednesday

Judas arranges for the betrayal – Matthew 26:14-16

Thursday

Passover Prep – Matthew 26:17-17, Passover & Last Supper – Matthew 26:20-35, Farwell – John 13-17, Gethsemane – Matthew 26:30-46

Friday – Betrayal – Matthew 26:47-56, Jewish Trials – Matthew 26:57-75 & John 18:13-14, Sanhedrin – Matthew 27:1-2, Roman Trial – Matthew 27:2-14, Herod Antipas – Luke 23:6-12, Pilate – Matthew 27:15-26, Crucifixion – Matthew 27:27-56, Burial – Matthew 27:57-61, & Tomb Sealed – Matthew 27:62-66

Sunday – Resurrection – Matthew 28:1-10