

You Say You Want a Revolution? Matthew 21:1-11

"Matthew is striking a familiar note: Knowing the truth is not the same thing as doing the truth." -M. Eugene Boring.

The citizens of Jerusalem were alarmed by this subversive and dangerous street theater staged by Galilean pilgrims with their upstart Messiah. This was the kind of politically charged action that could provoke a violent response from their Roman occupiers. Jerusalem was on edge. -Brian Zahnd

This triumphant King does not take lives. Instead, he lays down his life in order to give life. In him is the true triumph over death. He reversed the curse of death, accomplishing what no one else could do" (p. 135). -Gabe Benjiman

Jesus wants to disrupt our lives. He wants to overturn the places of injustice and clean out the lies and idolatry in order to make space for healing; for being formed into the image of Christ rather than forming Christ into the image we want; and for seeing the kingdom of God already at work in the world and figuring out where and how we can join that work.