

**Session 24: The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

**Matthew 21:1-22:14; Mark 11:1-12:12; Luke 19:28-20:19**

**Jesus Triumphal Entry**

<b>Matthew 21:1-11</b>	<b>Mark 11:1-11</b>	<b>Luke 19:28-40</b>
<p><i>1 And when they had approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,</i></p> <p><i>2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.</i></p> <p><i>3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."</i></p> <p><i>4 And this took place in order that what was spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled, saying,</i></p> <p><i>5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, AND ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A PACK ANIMAL.'"</i></p> <p><i>6 And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them,</i></p>	<p><i>1 And as they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples,</i></p> <p><i>2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.</i></p> <p><i>3 "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here."</i></p> <p><i>4 And they went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.</i></p> <p><i>5 And some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"</i></p> <p><i>6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission.</i></p>	<p><i>28 And after He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.</i></p> <p><i>29 And it happened that when He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount called "of Olives," He sent two of the disciples,</i></p> <p><i>30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; in which, as you enter, you will find a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.</i></p> <p><i>31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"</i></p> <p><i>32 So when those who were sent departed, they found it just as He had told them.</i></p> <p><i>33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"</i></p> <p><i>34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."</i></p> <p><i>35 And they brought it to Jesus, and after they threw</i></p>

<p><b>7</b> and brought the donkey and the colt and laid their garments on them; and He sat on the garments.</p> <p><b>8</b> And most of the crowd spread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.</p> <p><b>9</b> And the crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were crying out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!"</p> <p><b>10</b> And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"</p> <p><b>11</b> And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."</p>	<p><b>7</b> And they brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it; and He sat on it.</p> <p><b>8</b> And many spread their garments in the road, and others spread leafy branches, having cut them from the fields.</p> <p><b>9</b> And those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;</p> <p><b>10</b> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!"</p> <p><b>11</b> And Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.</p>	<p>their garments on the colt, they put Jesus on it.</p> <p><b>36</b> And as He was going, they were spreading their garments on the road.</p> <p><b>37</b> Now as soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God, rejoicing with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,</p> <p><b>38</b> saying, "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"</p> <p><b>39</b> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."</p> <p><b>40</b> But Jesus answered and said, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones will cry out!"</p>
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When you hear about Jesus, what are your expectations of Him? Are your expectations grounded in truth? If you truly know God, then your expectation of Him will not be self-centered but God centered and focused. God's expectation of you is that you bless His name! Give Him glory!

#### Lament over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)

**41** And as He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He cried over it,

**42** saying, "If you knew in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

**43** "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side,

**44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”**

**Jesus saw the destruction of Jerusalem coming and all that would occur because of their lack of faith in Him. It hurt His heart. God does not seek to destroy but to give life, but we choose destruction when we turn from Him and it hurts the heart of God.**

**Cleansing the Temple**

<b>Matthew 21</b>	<b>Mark 11</b>	<b>Luke 19:45-48</b>
<p><b>12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.</b></p> <p><b>13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</b></p> <p><b>14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.</b></p> <p><b>15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the marvelous things which He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant</b></p> <p><b>16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘OUT OF THE MOUTH</b></p>	<p><b>15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves;</b></p> <p><b>16 and He was not permitting anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.</b></p> <p><b>17 And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</b></p> <p><b>18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard this and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.</b></p> <p><b>19 And when evening came, they were going out of the city.</b></p>	<p><b>45 And Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,</b></p> <p><b>46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,’ but you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</b></p> <p><b>47 And He was teaching daily in the temple, but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,</b></p> <p><b>48 and they could not find anything</b></p>

<p><b>OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF?'"</b>  <i>17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.</i></p>		<p><i>that they might do, for all the people hung upon every word He said.</i></p>
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**The purpose of the Temple was for the praise of God and for the healing of the nations. Jesus ran everyone out except those who were praising His name and then He called the sick inside to be healed. This is the purpose of the Church. Bring the hurting to Jesus and bring glory to the name of Jesus.**

**The Cursing of the Fig Tree (cf. Luke 17:6)**

<b>Matthew 21</b>	<b>Mark 11</b>
<p><i>18 Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry.  19 And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.</i></p> <p><i>20 And seeing this, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither all at once?"</i></p> <p><b><i>21 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you</i></b></p>	<p><i>12 And on the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.  13 And seeing at a distance a fig tree that had leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.  14 And He answered and said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.</i></p> <p>++++(See verses on <i>Cleansing the Temple</i> above)++++</p> <p><i>20 And as they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.  21 And being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."  22 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.  23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.</i></p>

<p><b>say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen.</b></p> <p><b>22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."</b></p> <p><b>(cf. Luke 17:6; Mat. 17:20)</b></p>	<p><b>24 "For this reason I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you.</b></p> <p><b>25 "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.</b></p> <p><b>26 ["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions"]</b></p> <p><b>(cf. Mat. 6:14).</b></p>
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**Be careful what you speak and pray for. If you are a child of the King of Kings, then He does hear your requests. Jesus cursed the tree and it withered. If Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost, then we should also be seeking to save people. Speak blessings over people and not cursing. Forgive people because your heavenly Father has forgiven you. Consider what it would mean if God only forgave those that you forgave. Do you hate anyone enough to send them to hell for eternity?**

### The Rulers Challenge the Authority of Jesus

<b>Matthew 21:23-27</b>	<b>Mark 11:27-33</b>	<b>Luke 20:1-8</b>
<p><b>23</b> <i>And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"</i></p> <p><b>24</b> <i>And Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.</i></p> <p><b>25</b> <i>"The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?" And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'</i></p> <p><b>26</b> <i>"But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd; for they all regard John as a prophet."</i></p> <p><b>27</b> <i>And they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him,</i></p> <p><b>28</b> <i>and began saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?"</i></p> <p><b>29</b> <i>And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things.</i></p> <p><b>30</b> <i>"Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me."</i></p> <p><b>31</b> <i>And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'</i></p> <p><b>32</b> <i>"But if we say, 'From men?'"—they were afraid of the crowd, for everyone was regarding John to have been a real prophet.</i></p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>And it happened that on one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up to Him,</i></p> <p><b>2</b> <i>and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"</i></p> <p><b>3</b> <i>And Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me:</i></p> <p><b>4</b> <i>"Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"</i></p> <p><b>5</b> <i>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'</i></p> <p><b>6</b> <i>"But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."</i></p> <p><b>7</b> <i>So they answered that they did not know where it came from.</i></p> <p><b>8</b> <i>And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by</i></p>

	<p><b>33</b> <i>And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."</i></p>	<p><i>what authority I do these things."</i></p>
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**Jesus did not answer every question He was asked. Do you feel like you have to defend God and your testimony every time you are asked? Jesus knew when to answer, when to be wise, and when to say nothing. Do you know when to speak and when to be silent?**

**The Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)**

**28** *"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'*

**29** *"And he answered and said, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.*

**30** *"And the man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered and said, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go.*

**31** *"Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.*

**32** *"For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even regret afterward so as to believe him.*

**The son that obeys his father, even when he doesn't want to, is the son that truly loves (is committed to) his father. Do you obey God and His Word even when you don't want to. Do you realize that God can deal with you not desiring the will of God as long as you still surrender to it?**

**The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

<b>Matthew 21:33-41</b>	<b>Mark 12:1-9</b>	<b>Luke 20:9-16</b>
<p><b>33</b> <i>"Listen to another parable. There was a</i></p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>And He began to speak to them in parables: "A</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>And He began to tell the people this parable: "A</i></p>

<p><b>landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.</b></p> <p><b>34 "Now when the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his fruit.</b></p> <p><b>35 "And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.</b></p> <p><b>36 "Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.</b></p> <p><b>37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'</b></p> <p><b>38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'</b></p> <p><b>39 "And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.</b></p> <p><b>40 "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"</b></p> <p><b>41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and will</b></p>	<p><b>man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.</b></p> <p><b>2 "And at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vine-growers.</b></p> <p><b>3 "And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.</b></p> <p><b>4 "And again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.</b></p> <p><b>5 "And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some and killing others.</b></p> <p><b>6 "He had one more, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'</b></p> <p><b>7 "But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!'</b></p> <p><b>8 "And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.</b></p>	<p><b>man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.</b></p> <p><b>10 "And at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vine-growers sent him away empty-handed having beaten him.</b></p> <p><b>11 "And he proceeded to send another slave; and when they beat him also and treated him shamefully, they sent him away empty-handed.</b></p> <p><b>12 "And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.</b></p> <p><b>13 "Now the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'</b></p> <p><b>14 "But when the vine-growers saw him, they were reasoning with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.'</b></p> <p><b>15 "So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?"</b></p>
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<b>rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons.”</b>	<b>9 “What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.</b>	<b>16 “He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”</b>
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**Jesus was prophesying that He would take the seed from the Jews and give the gospel seed to the gentiles who would tell the world about Jesus.**

**The hearers of this parable knew, in Luke, what Jesus was declaring. Their thought was either that they would never do this horrible thing, or that the planter would not come down so hard on them. The hearers knew what people like this would deserve, but did not realize that they were the ones who would do this terrible thing. How have you treated God’s Word? God’s Pastors to you? God’s prophets in your life? The people who hold you accountable? How have you done at living for the one who died for you?**

**Jesus—The Stone Rejected**

<b>Matthew 21:42-46</b>	<b>Mark 12:10-12</b>	<b>Luke 20:17-19</b>
<p>42 Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”</p> <p>43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation, producing the fruit of it.</p> <p>44 “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”</p> <p>45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.</p> <p>46 And although they were seeking to seize Him, they feared the crowds, because they were regarding Him to be a prophet.</p>	<p>10 “Have you not even read this Scripture: ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”</p> <p>11 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”</p> <p>12 And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the crowd, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away.</p>	<p>17 But when Jesus looked at them, He said, “What then is this that is written: ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE’?”</p> <p>18 “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”</p> <p>19 And the scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, but they feared the people. For they understood that He spoke this parable against them.</p>

**The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)**

<b>Matthew 22:1-14</b>	<b>cf. Luke 14:15-24</b>
<p>1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,</p> <p>2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.</p> <p>3 “And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been called to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.</p>	<p>15 But when one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”</p> <p>16 And He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many.</p>

**4** "Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been called, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'"

**5** "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,

**6** and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.

**7** "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.

**8** "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were called were not worthy.

**9** 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, call to the wedding feast.'

**10** "And those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

**11** "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes,

**12** and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless.

**13** "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**14** "For many are called, but few are chosen."

**17** "And at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.'

**18** "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it. I ask you, consider me excused.'

**19** "And another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you, consider me excused.'

**20** "And another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

**21** "And when the slave came back, he reported these things to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

**22** "And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

**23** "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the fences, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.

**24** 'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'"

**Have you been called by God to become His child? Have you answered that call and surrendered to Jesus as Lord? Are you present and seem to others like you are the Lord's but you are dressing yourself in good works and not in "wedding clothes"?**

**Revelation 3:17-18**

- 17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,
- 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

**Memory Verse:**

***And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesus answered and said, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones will cry out!"***

**Luke 19:39-40**