

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –08/03/26

Matthew - Lesson 28
Matthew 21:1-27

1. Read Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 62:10-12, Zechariah 9:9. Why did Jesus arrange to ride into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey? Who was he claiming to be?
2. How did the “large crowd” respond to him in what they did and what they said (vv. 8-9)? Why? What were they expecting him to do?
3. This event is often referred to as “the triumphal entry.” Did he enter Jerusalem as the typical triumphant king? What did he “triumph” over? Did the crowds, with all their zeal and praise, understand who he was? (vv. 10-11)
4. Read Matthew 21:12-17. What did Jesus do the next morning when he entered the temple area? Why?
5. How did the blind and lame respond to him? The chief priests and the teachers of the law? The children? (See also Mark 11:17-18, Psalm 8:1-2)
6. Read Matthew 21:18-22. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree? How might this relate to his cleansing of the temple and convey a message about the nature of Israel? Is your life in Christ bearing fruit or does it just look good? (John 15:1-8, Gal. 5:22)
7. How did Jesus respond to the amazement of his disciples?
8. Read Matthew 21:23-27. What two questions did the religious leaders ask of Jesus? Were they legitimate questions? Why or why not?
9. Why did Jesus answer their question with a question? Was he simply avoiding their question? If they answered his question correctly, how would they also have the answer to their own question?
10. What did their refusal to answer him reveal about themselves?