



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah

**Passage** Matthew 21:1-22

**Title:** The Heart of the Sovereign King

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**Discussion Starter** – This passage is commonly titled “the Triumphal Entry”. In what sense is this title accurate? How is the title ironic?

### **Jesus Entry into Jerusalem** (Matthew 21:1-11)

- How comfortable do you think the disciples were with what Jesus had asked them to do? How do you respond when God prompts you to do things you are not comfortable with? How did the disciple respond?
- What is the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey? Read Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118:20-26. What do these prophetic scriptures show us about the nature of God?
- What does the term Hosanna mean? What do you think it meant to the people shouting it?
- What do you think was the motivating factor in the crowd’s reception to the entry of Jesus?
- Read Luke 19:41-44. What was the significance of this day? What was hidden? From whom? (Reference Romans 11:25)

### **Jesus Cleanses the Temple** (Matthew 21:12-17)

- What was the purpose for buying, selling and money changing in the Temple?
- Compare and contrast Jesus reaction to the activities occurring in the Temple compared to the blind and lame, (verses 12-14).
- Compare and contrast the different responses to Jesus actions. (verse 15).
- What was the purpose of the Temple?
- What are some of the tables in our life might Jesus turn over today?

### **Jesus Curses the Fig Tree** (Matthew 21:18-19)

- What did the fig tree represent? Why did Jesus curse it?
- What is God’s purpose for our lives? (Reference John 15:1-6). What is God’s purpose for Israel?

### **Jesus Makes a Powerful Promise** (Matthew 21:20-22)

- To whom is Jesus speaking in verse 21?
- This verse is often abused. How does the context of the preceding text limit the scope of the promise? (disciples, living their purpose in faith)