



Series: Palm Sunday
Passage: Matt 21:1-17
Title: Jesus Cleanses the Temple
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Discussion Starter – What do you think impacted you the most about this message and the significance of Jesus' act of cleansing the temple?

Read Matthew 21:1-11 and Luke 19:39-44

- 1) Why do you think Jesus sends two of His disciples to get a donkey and her colt? Who do you think these two disciples were, and what is your reasoning, since they are not mentioned here in this passage?
- 2) What is the spiritual significance of Jesus riding in on a colt of a donkey?
- 3) What portion of Zechariah 9:9 is not referenced in Matthew 21:5 and how does this tie into Jesus' plan for His earthly ministry?
- 4) A great multitude of people gathered and were laying down clothes and palm branches. What were their responses and the reactions when they saw Jesus drawing near, both the positive and negative ones to this event?
- 5) What was the important test God was presenting before His people on this day, and how is this also the most important test we are faces with today?
- 6) What problem did the multitude have in regards to their expectations of what Jesus would do for them when He came as their King on Palm Sunday?
- 7) What did Jesus come to do, and how was that different from what the Jew's desired and expected?
 - a) Describe something from your past that you sensed God was asking you to do in your life that you thought to be unreasonable or not proper at that time?
 - b) What are your expectations of King Jesus in your life? What lessons can we learn from this passage about what our true expectations of Jesus should be?

Read Matthew 21:12-17 and Ephesians 2:19-22

- 8) Describe in your own words what was taking place at the temple during this time that angered Jesus so much?
- 9) What should the temple courts have been filled with and why was this so important? Read Isaiah 56:1-7.
- 10) What is the spiritual significance of Jesus healing the blind and the lame in the temple? How do they react, and who opposes their responses, and for what reasons?
- 11) What does an indignant heart towards Jesus hinder us from experiencing?
 - c) Jesus comes to you to cleanse you of sin and corruption. What does Jesus want to drive out of your heart to make room for Him? What is Jesus looking for as it pertains to you heart?
 - d) Who can you invite to church or pray for this week as you meditate on the good news of Jesus atonement and resurrection for those who don't know Him as their LORD and Savior.