

## **The King is Rejected Matthew 21**

### **I. Announcement of the King – 21:1-11**

1. Jesus' time has now come – 1-3  
Often said His time was not yet come  
Now He initiates this announcement  
The Lord has need of this donkey - 3
2. Fulfillment of prophecy – 4-5  
Prophecy of Zechariah 9:9
3. Disciples went, got the donkey – 6-7  
Put clothing on animals as a saddle
4. Multitude celebrated His arrival – 8-9  
Spread branches & clothing in His path - 8  
Celebrated His coming – 9  
Cried "hosanna to the son of David" (Messiah)  
"Blessed is He who comes in name of the Lord"  
"Hosanna in the highest"
5. Jerusalem was impacted by it – 10-11  
Asked "who is this?"  
Multitude said "Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth"

### **II. Authority of the King – 21:12-17**

1. Cleansing of the Temple – 12-13  
Removed commercial activity  
Those who took advantage over worshippers  
God's house was to be a place of prayer
2. Healed the blind & the lame – 14  
Signs proclaiming Him as Messiah
3. Religious leaders displeased – 15-16  
Displeased with the miracles & children crying  
Praising Jesus as Messiah, fulfilling prophecy
4. Jesus left the Temple & the city - 17

### **III. Cursing the Fig Tree – 18-22**

1. A fig tree with just leaves – 18-19  
Leaves & figs normally appear at same time  
Figs may still be green but they are present
2. Symbolically spoke of Israel  
Leaves, signs of life but no fruit  
Note Jeremiah 24:1-6
3. Jesus pronounced a curse on tree – 19-20  
"Let no fruit grow on you"  
Disciples amazed, It was quickly withered – 20
4. Jesus used it to teach on prayer – 21-22  
Faith is vital when we pray

### **IV. Authority Challenged – 23-27**

1. Jesus returns to the Temple – 23  
He resumes His teaching ministry
2. Chief Priests & Elders challenge Him – 23  
Who gave you authority to do what you do  
Public announcement as Messiah

### Cleansing of the Temple

#### Teaching in the Temple

- He was not authorized by them
3. Response of Jesus – 24-25  
I will answer if you answer my question  
Where did John get authority to baptize  
Was it from God (heaven) or from men?  
His authority is from heaven – same as John
  4. Dilemma of the leaders – 25-26  
If from heaven – why didn't you believe him  
If we say "of man" - the people believe in him
  5. Final response – 27  
Leaders refuse to answer  
Jesus refuses to answer their question  
If you reject John's God-given authority  
You will reject His God-given authority

### **V. Parable of Two Sons – 28-32**

1. Father asks sons to work in vineyard – 28-30  
First said no – later repented and went  
Second said yes – but did not go
2. Jesus asked leaders for a response – 31  
Which son did his father's will  
They answered – the first son
3. Jesus makes application – 31-32  
Publicans & harlots go into kingdom before you  
They repented in faith under John's preaching  
Leaders did not believe John or repent

### **VI. Parable of Judgment – 33-46**

1. Owner of the vineyard – 33  
He planted it – added all necessary parts  
He went away & left it with workers
2. Owner's expectation of fruit – 34  
He sent servants to get his share of fruit
3. Response of vineyard-keepers – 35-37  
First of his servants, beaten, killed & stoned  
Sent others – received same treatment  
Sent his son – they will respect him
4. Treatment of his son – 38-39  
He is the heir – let's kill him & take inheritance  
This is what they did – Killed him
5. Jesus asked for their verdict – 40-41  
What do you think owner will do to these men?  
Answer – Destroy them, give vineyard to others
6. Application of parable – 42-44  
Kingdom of God taken from you – given to others  
The stone you reject will crush you
7. Leaders response to parable – 45-46  
They knew it was about them  
They wanted to kill Him immediately  
They were afraid of an uprising of the people