

Questions on Matthew chapter 21

1. What was the city near the little village of Bethphage (pronounced “Beth-fa-je”) and what was Jesus’ stated purpose in going there? Verse 1.
2. What would make you think the owner of the animals may have been a disciple of Jesus or at least acquainted with Him? Verses 2-3.
3. What prophet spoke concerning this and why would such a lowly animal be chosen? Verses 4-5.
4. Why do you think Jesus specified both animals? Verses 6-7.
5. Why is the day of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem referred to as “Palm Sunday”? Verse 8.
6. Is there any indication that the people currently recognized Jesus as the Messiah? Verses 9-11.

7. What was the excuse for allowing doves to be sold and money to be exchanged in the temple and why did Jesus refer to the place as “a den of thieves”? Verses 12-13.

8. Why do you think the chief priests and Scribes were “sore displeased” with “the wonderful things” Jesus did and the praise of the children? Verses 14-15.

9. What friends of Jesus lived in Bethany, but what would make you think that He probably did not spend the night with them? Verses 17-18.

10. What miracle occurred on the way to the city and what lesson do you think Jesus intended for the disciples (and us) to learn? Verses 19-20.

11. Is Jesus’ promise concerning prayer limited by the conditions laid down in the Scriptures? Verses 21-22.

12. Why, as McGarvey says, was it absurd and impertinent for the chief priests and elders to ask Jesus for authority for what He was doing? Verse 23.

13. Upon what terms was Jesus willing to answer their question and why didn't the chief priests and elders answer His question? Verses 25-27.

14. In Jesus' parable, what class of people was represented by the first son, and what class by the second son? Verses 28-32.

15. Do you think Jesus' characterization of the Jewish leaders was influenced by the fact that the publicans believed, repented, and were baptized while the leaders refused to obey? Verses 28-32. (See Luke 3:12 and Luke 7:29-30)

16. What do you think the following terms represent in this parable? Verses 33-41.

The householder:

The vineyard:

The husbandmen:

The servants who came to receive the fruits:

The abuse of the servants by the husbandmen:

The son:

The killing of the son:

The taking away of the vineyard:

17. Jesus made the chief priests and elders pronounce judgment upon themselves before they saw His point. What was their judgment? Verse 41.

18. What scripture did Jesus quote? Verse 42.

19. Who was the stone, who were the builders, and how did the stone become the head of the corner? Verse 42.

20. Do you know of any historical occasion of a rejected stone becoming the chief corner stone? Verse 42.

21. In this figure, the chief priests and Pharisees are represented as trying to build the walls of a house, but what is the reason they could not do so? Verse 42.

22. Did Jesus' assessment of judgment essentially agree with the chief priests' and elders' conclusion? Verse 41 and Verses 43-44.

23. Did the chief priests and Pharisees finally get the meaning of Jesus' parable? Verse 45.

24. Why didn't the chief priests and Pharisees have Jesus arrested? Verse 46.