

## Matthew

### Chapter 21

#### Student

**Contents:** The triumphant entry. **JESUS'** second purification of the temple. Barren fig tree cursed. **JESUS'** authority questioned. Parable of the two sons in the vineyard. Parable of the house-holder demanding fruit from his vineyard.

**Characters:** **GOD**, **JESUS**, John, disciples.

**Conclusion:** **JESUS** the **King-Savior** was officially offered to Israel first. **HE** was acclaimed by an *unthinking* multitude who thought **HE** would then set up **HIS** earthly kingdom, but **HE** was soon rejected by official representatives of the nation (socio/religious intelligentsia<sup>i</sup>). Nevertheless **HIS** rejection by **HIS** own people turned out generate riches for the Gentiles. The unbelief of sinners is their ruin.

**Key Word:** Triumphant entry, 9, 10. **JESUS'** authority, 23.

**Strong Verses:** 13, 21, 22.

**Striking Facts:** 2. A colt is a symbol of peace. In **JESUS'** second coming **HE** will come upon a war horse (Rev. 19). Cf. 44. The flippant attitude of the people toward **JESUS** in **HIS** first presentation was due to their conception/impression of **HIM** as expressed in verse 11. When **HE** comes in power, there will be no room for doubt of the fact that **HE** is both King and Judge.

#### Word Study:

**Cf.** - The abbreviation cf. (short for either Latin confer or conferatur, both meaning 'compare') is used in writing to refer the reader to other material to make a comparison with the topic being discussed.

**Parable** - a short simple story illustrating a moral or spiritual truth.

Questions:

1. Where does verse 5 come from?
2. What did **JESUS** tell them to do?
3. What did the people cry out?
4. What did JESUS do in the temple?
5. What major faith statement did JESUS make?
6. What did the socio/religious intelligentsia say about **JESUS'** healing?
7. Which verses referred to how **HE** would be treated?

**Bonus Question: Considering verses 28-32, which son is better? Why?**

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<sup>i</sup> **Socio/Religious intelligentsia** - Social intelligentsia This word is not precisely definable, for it described both a social/religious group and a state of mind. Essentially, the intelligentsia consisted of persons with a good modern religious education and a passionate preoccupation with general political and social ideas.