

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 40--Matthew 21

Introduction: Matthew presents some unique supplemental information on the events of Jesus' last week. Some of the events include the withering of the fig tree, confrontation with the chief priests and elders and some parables designed for those who stubbornly refused to listen to Him.

Lesson aim: To show the consequences of disobedience.

The barren fig tree--Matthew 21:18-22

1. Why did Jesus cause the fig tree to wither?
2. What important lesson did Jesus use this event to teach?
3. How does Jesus emphasize the power of prayer?

Jesus' authority is questioned--Matthew 21:23-32

1. What question did the chief priests and elders ask Jesus?
2. What question did Jesus ask them? Describe their reasonings with each possible answer.
3. Why did they answer as they did?
4. What parable did Jesus tell to these who had opposed them?
5. What application did Jesus make of the parable of the two sons?

The parable of the landowner--Matthew 21:33-46

1. Relate the parable of the landowner.
2. What spiritual idea is Jesus illustrating in this parable?
3. Was Jesus' rejection a fulfillment of prophesy?
4. What did Jesus say would happen to the kingdom?
5. What would be the outcome of those upon rejected the stone? Who is the stone?

6. Did the enemies of Jesus understand that he was speaking about them in these parables?
7. How did they respond? What kept them from killing Jesus?