

Study Guide on Matthew 21:1-17

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Matthew 21:1-17

(Matthew 21:1) When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

(Matthew 21:2) saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

(Matthew 21:3) If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

(Matthew 21:4) This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

(Matthew 21:5) "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

(Matthew 21:6) The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

(Matthew 21:7) they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

(Matthew 21:8) A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

(Matthew 21:9) The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

(Matthew 21:10) When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

(Matthew 21:11) The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

(Matthew 21:12) Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

(Matthew 21:13) He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

(Matthew 21:14) The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

(Matthew 21:15) But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry

(Matthew 21:16) and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

(Matthew 21:17) He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?