## 21:1-22

## Review...

- o FIRST The Presentation of the King Matthew 1-7
- o SECOND The Ministry of the King Matthew 8-18
- o THIRD The Rejection of the King Matthew 19-25
- o To the cross...
  - Jesus and the DISCIPLES were making their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover...
  - But this would be Jesus FINAL trip so He again told His disciples what would happen...
  - He would be BETRAYED CRUCIFIED but on the third day He would RISE again!
- o Becoming the Greatest...
  - Then the mother of James and John came and asked Jesus for a FAVOR...
  - When He asked what did she WISH  $[\theta \hat{\epsilon} \lambda \omega]$  it was for her sons to SIT next to Jesus...
  - When the other DISCIPLES heard this they became JEALOUS so Jesus reminded them...
  - To be the GREATEST in the Kingdom they must become the SERVANT of ALL!
- o Opening Eyes...
  - As they left the city of JERICHO two BLIND men called out to Jesus to heal them...
  - When He asked them what did they WISH  $[\theta \epsilon \lambda \omega]$  they said to SEE...
  - That was a prayer Jesus could answer so He opened their eyes and they FOLLOWED Him!

## • $1^{ST}$ - Triumphal Entry... vs. 1-11

- o 1<sup>st</sup> Coming to Jerusalem... vs. 1
  - Passover...
    - Now when they drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives!
    - Every year the Jews were REQUIRED to come for the PASSOVER **Exodus 23:14-17**
    - The city would receive almost two MILLION pilgrims [Josephus]
    - So as Jesus and His DISCIPLES arrived they were NOT alone!
  - Mount of Olives...
    - The Mount of Olives is the highest point on the EAST side of Jerusalem [826 meters]
    - To this day it is best place to look out and see the TEMPLE mount...
    - It is the place where Jesus would ASCEND up into heaven Acts 1:9
    - It will also one day be the place where Jesus will RETURN Zechariah 14:4
  - Bethphage...
    - The Triumphal entry is one of KEY events in the life of Jesus recorded in all FOUR gospels
    - John gives us the most information leading up to the event!
    - Jesus had just brought Lazarus [brother of Mary and Martha] back from the dead John 11:44
    - News of this spread among the crowds gathered for the PASSOVER celebration...
    - Then SIX days before the PASSOVER He returned to BETHPHAGE...
    - BETHPHAGE House [בַּיִת] of the figs [פַג] near the village of Bethany...
    - Where Mary [Lazarus sister] poured spikenard [expensive perfume] on His feet...
    - Judas complained he wanted the Oil to be sold and given to the POOR John 12:5
      Not because he cared for the poor but because he was a THIEF [motive for betrayal]
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> The Donkey... vs. 1-7
  - Seeing everything... vs. 1-2
    - Then Jesus sent two disciples saying to them: Go into the village opposite you.
    - Immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her.
    - Jesus sent [ἀποστέλλω] TWO of the DISCIPLES to go and get a DONKEY...

- It was a COLT [young donkey] no one had EVERY sat on Luke 19:30
- How did Jesus know the DONKEY was there because He SEES everything!
- **Hebrews 4:13** "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God!" [NLT]
- Owning nothing... vs. 2-3
  - Loose them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you shall say:
  - The Lord has need of them. Immediately he will send them!
  - They were to untie it and bring it [imperative] to Jesus...
  - And when anyone asked what they were doing [it was NOT their donkey] Luke 19:33
  - All they had to do was say the LORD [κύριος] needed to borrow it!
  - Imagine if the PRESIDENT had to borrow a CAR on the day of his inauguration...
  - Just so that he could make it to the ceremony it might raise some questions!
  - There are a lot of people who think following Jesus is the KEY to a better life...
  - But Jesus was NOT wealthy here on earth [no car no home] Matthew 8:20
  - The message of the Gospel is not about this life it is about ETERNAL life!
- Humble King... vs. 4-7
  - All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying:
  - Tell the daughter of Zion: Behold your King is coming to you.
  - Lowly and sitting on a donkey a colt the foal of a donkey.
  - So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.
  - They brought the donkey and the colt laid their clothes on them and set Him on them!
  - ALL of this was done to FULFILL the words of the PROPHET Zechariah 9:9
  - Who told the people of ZION [Jerusalem] how their KING [מֵלֵדְ would come...
  - He would come HUMBLY [עֵנִי] riding on a DONKEY...
  - The DISCIPLES obeyed and did what Jesus said...
  - When they brought the DONKEY they set their clothes on it for Jesus to sit on!
  - When a KING came riding on a donkey [unthreatening] it was a sign He wanted PEACE!
  - Jesus did NOT coming to CONQUER the world and establish His Kingdom...
  - Jesus came the FIRST time bringing PEACE between God and Man CONQUERING sin...
  - But He will NOT be riding a donkey when He returns for the SECOND time **Revelation 19:11**
  - He will come on a white HORSE with all the armies of heaven to make WAR...
  - He will set up His Kingdom here on Earth the MILLENNIAL reign [1000 year]
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Choosing the Lamb... vs. 8-11
  - Palm Branches... vs. 8
    - A very great multitude spread their clothes on the road.
    - Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road!
    - The MULTITUDES came to meet Jesus as He rode down the Mount of Olives...
    - Some laid their CLOTHES on the road others laid [imperfect] branches!
    - Antiochus Epiphanes [Seleucid] set up an idol to Zeus in the Holiest of All Daniel 8:11
    - Judas Maccabees [hammer] began a revolt and overthrew the king [164 B.C.]
    - After the Jews cleansed the Temple [Hanukah] they celebrated with Palm branches...
    - Carrying palm branches the people sang grateful praises 2 Maccabees 10:7
    - The Jews wanted a MESSIAH who would overthrow ROME [like the Maccabees]
    - Because they were looking for the WRONG kind of king...
    - FOUR days later this same crowd would cry out CRUCIFY Luke 23:21
  - Save us now... vs. 9
    - Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out saying:
    - Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
    - Hosanna in the highest!
    - The HUGE crowd all around Jesus [in from and in behind] kept crying out [imperfect]

- HOSANNA a Hebrew words that means SAVE us [נָא] now [נָא]
- It was from a PSALM of ascent the people would sing every year **Psalm 118:26**
- They recognized Jesus as the Son of David [Messiah] II Samuel 7:11
- Who came in the name of the LORD to save Jesus name means God [יָשַׁע] saves [יָשַׁע]
- But he did NOT come to save them from Rome God sent Him to be the sacrificial LAMB!
- FOUR days before PASSOVER every household chose their sacrificial LAMB **Exodus 12:3**
- On this same day [Palm Sunday] God choose His LAMB!
- John 1:29 "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- Just as DEATH passed over anyone covered by the blood of the LAMB Exodus 12:13
- Anyone who puts their faith in the SACRIFICE of Jesus will be set free!
- The Prophet... vs. 10-11
  - When He had come into Jerusalem all the city was moved saying: Who is this?
  - So the multitudes said: This is Jesus -the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!
  - When Jesus arrived the whole  $[\pi \tilde{\alpha} \varsigma]$  city was SHAKEN  $[\sigma \epsilon i\omega]$
  - When they asked WHO was Jesus they were told He was the [6] PROPHET from Nazareth...
  - But the people got it WRONG [He is God] and as a result Jesus WEPT Luke 19:41
  - Because they were supposed to KNOW they DONKEY the DAY!
  - Daniel told Israel the exact day the Messiah would come Daniel 9:25-26
  - From the command to rebuild Jerusalem [March 14 445 B.C.] Nehemiah 2:8
  - After 483 years [69x7] or 173,880 days [April 6 32 A.D.] Jesus rode into Jerusalem...
  - The Jews were all very RELIGIOUS they all went to CHURCH every week...
  - But they did NOT read their Bible the did NOT know the Word...
  - So they missed how [donkey] and when [April 6] the Messiah came!
  - So many people are RELIGIOUS but they miss Jesus...
  - That is why it is so important for us to get into the Word Romans 10:17
  - We want to learn all about our Lord so we do NOT miss Jesus when He comes again!
- 2<sup>ND</sup> CLEANSING THE TEMPLE... VS. 12-16
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Den of thieves... vs. 12-13
    - Buying and selling... vs. 12
      - Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple.
      - And overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves!
      - The FIRST thing Jesus did when He arrived in Jerusalem was go into the TEMPLE...
      - He CHASED out anyone who was BUYING or SELLING sacrifices!
      - The Temple had become a moneymaking industry...
      - The priests would always find a flaw in a sacrifice you had to buy theirs at TRIPLE rate...
      - All purchases had to be with a Sanctuary Shekel exchange rate was EXTORTION...
      - So Jesus drove people from the temple overturned their tables!
    - House of Prayer... vs. 13
      - He said to them: It is written -My house shall be called a house of prayer.
      - But you have made it a den of thieves!
      - This was the SECOND time Jesus cleaned house the FRIST time was in John 2:15
      - Because this was NOT a NEW problem it had been around since the Old Testament...
      - Jesus quoted Jeremiah who had said the same thing Jeremiah 7:11
      - The purpose of the Temple was a place for ALL nations to meet with God Isaiah 56:7
      - But MEN took advantage of others and used it as a way to make MONEY!
      - CHURCHES are to be a place where people come to MEET the Lord...
      - Instead in many people are taught about a God who only wants their CASH...
      - Giving people the idea that Jesus is just another SCAM a way to make a MONEY...

- God does not want or need our ANYTHING He is the creator of Heaven and Earth...
- His church should be a place of PRAYER where men can come to KNOW God...
- I fear if Jesus walked into many churches TODAY He would OVERTURN a lot of tables!
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Perfect praises... vs. 14-16
  - The unworthy... vs. 14
    - Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple and He healed them!
    - BLIND and LAME people were NOT allowed into the Temple Leviticus 21:17-20
    - Because imperfection was not permitted in the presence of a PERFECT God...
    - But Jesus welcomed the BLIND and LAME and HEALED [θεραπεύω] them...
    - Because Jesus came to bring IMPERFECT people to God!
  - Not happy... vs. 15-16
    - When the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did.
    - And the children crying out in the temple and saying: Hosanna to the Son of David.
    - They were indignant and said to Him: Do You hear what these are saying?
    - When the RELIGIOUS leaders saw the SHOCKING [θαυμάσιος] things Jesus did...
    - Chasing out those who BOUGHT and SOLD in the Temple [their business]
    - Letting in people who they considered to be UNWORTHY [blind and lame]
    - All the while hearing the CHILDREN cry out HOSANNA [save us now]
    - It made them INDIGNANT [ἀγανακτέω] to be ANGRY Matthew 20:24
    - So they questioned Jesus if He was listening to what the KIDS were saying...
    - Luke tells us they went on to DEMAND that Jesus tell them to stop!
    - Luke 19:40 "He answered and said to them: I tell you that if these should keep silent the stones would immediately cry out."
    - One of the BEST souvenirs you can get in Israel is a ROCK from Jerusalem [and they are free]
    - Stick it on a board and put a title this could have been a SINGING stone!
  - Simple message... vs. 16
    - Jesus said to them: Yes. Have you never read.
    - Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?
    - ullet Jesus answered by stating[indicative]: they would NEVER understand [ἀναγινώσκω]
    - Why PRAISE [αἶνος] is PERFECT when it comes from young children [νήπιος]
    - They would NEVER understand because they put their faith in their RELIGION!
    - The Jewish leaders put their TRUST in keeping all the RULES...
    - But what any CHILD can tell you is that we are NOT good at keeping RULES...
    - Therefore we will NEVER be good enough to reach up to HEAVEN...
    - The GOOD news is God reached down to EARTH so He could save us!
    - Matthew 11:25 "You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to babes!"
    - God WANTS people to go to HEAVEN He LOVES the whole world John 3:16
    - Therefore the Gospel message is NOT complicated in God made is EASY...
    - It is so SIMPLE men have tried to ADD to it to make it more COMPLICATED...
    - They add WORKS man made requirements to make people EARN their salvation...
    - To be SAVED one must believe AND: tithe be baptized [by them] attend [their] church...
    - But they miss what little CHILDREN know the BLIND can see and ROCKS understand...
    - Just BELIEVE in Jesus [died on the cross] confess Him as Lord and we are saved!
    - Romans 10:13 "Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."
- 3<sup>RD</sup> THE FIG TREE... vs. 17-22
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Covering sin... vs. 17-19
    - No Fruit... vs. 17-19
      - Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany and He lodged there.
      - Now in the morning as He returned to the city He was hungry.

- Seeing a fig tree by the road He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves!
- Jesus had just PROVOKED the religious leaders they were ready to KILL Him Luke 19:47
- Therefore Jesus left the city and spent the night in Bethany [3 kilometers away]
- The next morning on His way back to the city He got HUNGRY...
- He saw a healthy looking [green leaves] FIG tree and hoped to find some FRUIT...
- But it was the wrong season [καιρός] so there was NONE [οὐδείς] Mark 11:13
- Never again... vs. 19
  - [He] said to it: Let no fruit grow on you ever again. Immediately the fig tree withered away!
  - Jesus said to the TREE: no fruit will grow [subjunctive] on you ever again...
  - The moment He said it the tree withered and died!
  - When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden they hid from the LORD...
  - To try and COVER up what they had done they put on FIG [הָאֵנָה] leaves Genesis 3:7
  - Jesus was looking for FRUIT in the people but what He found instead was RELIGION...
  - Man trying to COVER up their sinfulness by looking good on the outside...
  - But anyone who look to RELIGION will NEVER be able to bear GOOD fruit!
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Do not doubt... vs. 20-22
  - Amazed... vs. 20
    - When the disciples saw it they marveled saying: How did the fig tree wither away so soon?
    - When the DISCIPLES saw the SHOCKING [ $\theta$ αυμάζω] thing Jesus had done...
    - Unlike the RELIGIOUS leaders they were NOT angry...
    - Instead they wanted to UNDERSTAND and asked Jesus HOW  $[\pi \tilde{\omega} \varsigma]$  He did it!
  - Moving mountains... vs. 21
    - Jesus answered and said to them: Assuredly I say to you.
    - If you have faith and do not doubt you will not only do what was done to the fig tree.
    - But also if you say to this mountain: Be removed and be cast into the sea it will be done!
    - AMEN [Άμὴν] If [subjunctive] they had FAITH [πίστις] in in the right place [Jesus]
    - And did NOT doubt [διακρίνω] to depend on [διά] their judgement [κρίνω]
    - They would NOT only be able to CURSE a FIG tree...
    - They could say to the MOUNTAIN be removed and it would [indicative] obey!
    - The mountain they were on was called Mount MORIAH...
    - MORIAH [מוֹרָיָה] meaning the LORD (יָה] sees [רָאָה]!
    - When we put our FAITH in Jesus and NOT in good works [religion]
    - We will KNOW that to try and COVER sin will NEVER bring good fruit...
    - But we will also KNOW that Jesus can do what we NEVER could...
    - He can take our SINS that God SEES [מוֹרָיָה] and cast them into the SEA!
    - Micah 7:19 "[He] will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."
  - Ask anything... vs. 22
    - Whatever things you ask in prayer believing you will receive!
    - $\bullet \ \ \ \ AND$  [KQÍ] when we come to the REALIZATION that Jesus is the ONLY answer...
    - Then ALL  $[π\tilde{\alpha}\varsigma]$  ANYTHING [ὅσος] that we ask for in PRAYER by FAITH [πιστεύω]
    - We WILL receive [indicative] from the Lord!
    - Because if we are spending time with God we will KNOW what God WANTS...
    - If we are TRUSTING in Jesus we will ask for those things that God DESIRES...
    - Since the desire comes from God we can be certain He will make it happen!
    - **John 15:7** "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified that you bear much fruit."