

BEHOLD YOUR KING

Quote:

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

Luke 19:8-9

Bible Marking - Matthew 21

Matthew 21:1 - This event took place on the 10th Abib - the day the Passover lamb was selected and examination of it began (**Exod 12:2-6**). The Lord was to be intensely examined, and found to be without blemish (ie **Jn 18:38-39; 19:6**).

“Bethphage” - Means “House of Unripe Figs. Appears to have been a district in which the town of Bethany (meaning “house of the afflicted”) was (**Mk 11:1**).

Matthew 21:2 - **“ass”** - Used to establish a new king (**2 Sam 16:1-2; 1 Kg 1:33, 38**). An ass was a symbol of the nation of Israel, while it’s Colt becomes symbolic of Spiritual Israel.

“Colt” - means a “foal”.

Matthew 21:3 - ie An approach of authority (as if he was a king).

Matthew 21:5 - **“Tell ye the daughter of Sion”** - Quoting **Isa 62:11** (mgn) Note context is similar to **Zech 9:9**.

“Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass” - See **Zech 9:9** - They were shown clearly the way in which their king would come unto them.

Cp their words 4 days later - **Jn 19:15**. Note - Matthew omits the words “having salvation”. These would be words applicable to the second coming of Christ.

“the foal of an ass” - Lit - “the son of an ass”. No man had ridden it before (**Mk 11:2**). It had never been in servitude to man, but willingly submitted to the control of Christ. The Lord rode

Matthew 21 - Chapter Breakdown

1. **Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem** - **Matt 21:1-11** (see **Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:28-44; Jn 12:12-19**).
2. **Jesus cleanses the temple** - **Matt 21:12-13** (see **Mk 11:15-17; Lk 19:45-46**).
3. **Jesus heals the lame and blind** - **Matt 21:14**
4. **Challenged by the chief priests** - **Matt 21:15-16**
5. **Jesus returns to Bethany** - **Matt 21:17**
6. **Jesus curses the fig tree** - **Matthew 21:18-19** (see **Mk 11:12-14**).
7. **Lesson of the withered fig tree** - **Matt 21:20-22** (see **Mk 11:20-26**).
8. **Jesus’ authority challenged by the priests** - **Matt 21:23-27** (see **Mk 11:27-33; Lk 20:1-8**).
9. **Parable of Two Rebellious Sons** - **Matt 21:28-32**.
10. **Parable of the Vineyard** - **Matt 21:33-44** (see **Mk 12:1-11; Lk 20:9-18**).
11. **The muted response of the chief priests and Pharisees** - **Matt 21:45-46** (see **Mk 12:12**).

the colt and not the Ass. The Ass would not submit to his control as a king, but the colt (Spiritual Israel) did.

Matthew 21:7 - See **2 Kg 9:13** - used to proclaim a king.

Matthew 21:8 - see **Jn 12:13** - branches of palm trees

Matthew 21:9 - **“Hosanna to the Son of David”** - Quoting **Psa 118:25** - **“Save now I beseech thee”**. The people wanted Jesus to save them NOW out of the hand of the Romans and as the Son of David establish himself as king. This is shown by what follows.

“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord” - Quoting **Psa 118:26**. The people thought this was Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem that would see the establishment of the Kingdom (See table of parallel verses). Jesus showed them in **Matt 23:38-39** that this would take place in the future age.

Parallel Phrases		
Matthew 21:9	Mark 11:10	Luke 19:38
“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord”	“Blessed be the kingdom of our father David , that cometh in the name of the Lord”	“Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord”
<p>“Kingdom” (Mk 11:10) is the Gk “basileia” which speaks of a kingdom, but can also refer to the king or Royal Majesty of that kingdom - see also Matt 3:2. They saw him (Jesus) as the King of the Kingdom that the greater Son of David will establish as he enters Jerusalem after delivering Israel out of the hand of their enemies (Joel 3:16-17).</p>		

Matthew 21:12 - see **2 Chron 36:14** - this had happened before, and had resulted in the destruction of the city and temple.

Matthew 21:13 - **“My house shall be called the house of prayer”** - Quotes **Isa 56:6-7** (mgn) to indicate the true function of the temple (ie. the purple Solomon had in mind - **1 Kg 8:41-42**).

“but ye have made it a den of thieves” - Quotes **Jer 7:1-12** to show that the temple would suffer the same fate as Shiloh which was destroyed (in the days of Hophni and Phinehas - **1 Sam 2-4**) because of the wickedness of the priests and people.

Matthew 21:19 - **“fig tree”** - represented Israel (**Joel 1:7**). It had been attended to for 3 1/2 years by the Lord (**Lk 13:6-9**), with the warning of destruction (**Matt 3:10**).

“Found nothing thereon, but leaves only” - ie a covering of fig leaves (**Gen 3:7**). Typical of Israel with a show of self righteousness, seeking their own covering for sin. (ie **Lk 18:11-12**).

“Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth for ever” - lit., to the age; i.e., until the millennium. See **Song 2:13; Ezek 17:24; Isa 27:6**.

“Presently the fig tree withered away” - figurative of what was to happen to Israel. In the time of Christ - they were a green tree (**Lk 23:31**) flourishing with a show of leaves and no fruit, they were about to wither up under the heat of the summer of judgment in AD 70 and become a dry tree (**Ezek 17:24**).