Behold Your King!
*Studies in the Gospel of Matthew*

The Reception of the King into Jerusalem
Matthew 21
Lesson 16

*Trinity Bible Church Sunday School*
*April 15, 2012*
The Week that Turned Promise into Gospel

- Sunday – Triumphant entry
- Monday – Cursing the fig tree and cleansing the Temple
- Tuesday – Discussion of the fig tree and authority
The Kingdom of Heaven

- The redemptive work of Christ
- The life of Christ
The Just shall Live by Faith

- Believe in Christ for eternal salvation
- Live under the curse – the world, the flesh and the devil
- Live with an “incomplete” salvation
- Live in anticipation of the revelation of Jesus Christ
The Life of Christ

- A life of humility and humiliation
- Zeal for the way of righteousness
- Christ, the King in obscurity
The Gospel of Matthew

- The glorious Son of God in the flesh
- Teaching and illustrating the life of faith
- A simple, factual presentation of His suffering, death and resurrection
Greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven

- Matthew 18-20
- Humility
- Serving
- 1 Peter 2:21-23
The Triumphal Entry
• The King comes in humility (21:1-11)
• The King cleanses the Temple (21:12-13)

Opposition arises (21:14-17)
• The lesson of the fruitless fig tree (21:18-22)
• The lesson on authority (21:23-27)
  – Parable of the two sons (21:28-32)
  – Parable of the tenants (21:33-41)
  – The Cornerstone (21:42-46)
The Triumphal Entry (21:1-11)

- Sunday
- Bethphage – “house of unripe figs”
- Only reference to Christ as Lord in Matthew
- Psalm 24:1-2; 7-10
  - “The earth is the LORD’S . . .”
  - “The LORD of hosts. He is the King of glory.”
The Triumphal Entry (21:1-11)

- The Sovereign Lord on a young donkey
- Isaiah 62:11
- Zechariah 9:9
- “Hosanna to the Son of David”
- Psalm 118:25-26 – “Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord”
- Crowd stirred up
- Prophet Jesus from Nazareth
Cleansing the Temple (21:12-14)

- Monday
- Malachi 3:1-5 – suddenly comes to His Temple
- Isaiah 56:7 – house of prayer
- Jeremiah 7:8-15 – den of robbers
- Drove out both sellers and buyers.
- Destruction of the Temple and Law
- Healing and worship in the Temple
Opposition arises (21:15-17)

- The chief priests and scribes are indignant
- Wonderful things He did
- Adoration of the children
- Psalm 8:2 – out of the mouths of babes
- Matthew 11:25-26 – revealed to little children
The Accursed Fig Tree (21:18-22)

- Monday/Tuesday
- The fruitless fig tree is cursed by Christ
  - Micah 7:1-6 – no fruit
  - Jeremiah 8:13 – no figs on the fig tree
- A lesson on prayer?
  - Matthew 17:20 – “Move this mountain.”
  - Matthew 18:18-20 – bind or loose in earth and heaven
  - Imprecatory prayer
Authority Questioned (21:23-27)

- What authority?
- Jesus counters with a question about John
- A revealing “non-answer”
- Do not answer a fool in his folly (Proverbs 26:4)
Parable of 2 Sons (21:28-32)

- Answer a fool in his folly (Proverbs 26:5)
- Two sons charged with a duty by the father
- Question: Who did the will of his father?
- John came in the way of righteousness
- Behavior shows acceptance of authority
  - Prostitutes and tax collectors believed
  - Chief priests and elders saw and rejected
Parable of the Tenants (21:33-41)

- Vineyard prepared and leased to tenants
- Time for payment to the master of the house
- Tenants killed the servants and the son
- Question: What will the master of the house do?
  - Kill the tenants
  - Seek new tenants
- The authority of the master of the house
The Cornerstone (21:42-46)

- Spoken to the chief priests and Pharisees (21:45)
  - The issue is not lack of authority (v.32 – they saw)
  - The issue was their sinfulness (v.41 – wretches)
- The authority of Scripture (Psalm 118:22-23)
- Stone rejected by the builders became the Cornerstone
- Rejection of God’s authority leads to loss of the Kingdom
- The authority of the Cornerstone – eternal judgment
Jesus is the Cornerstone

- Stone of stumbling and rock of offense (1 Peter 2:8)
- Unseen but loved and believed (1 Peter 1:8)
- The offense of the cross
- Embrace the way of righteousness
- Live for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven (Matt. 19:12)