

## THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (Matthew 21:1-22)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what was your favorite song when you were a junior in college?

### **DISCUSS**

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

#### **Read Matthew 21:1-17**

What stands out to you?

Read Zechariah 9:9-10. What would be hope-filled about this for the people of Jerusalem? Why might they be excited to see Jesus coming in riding a colt? How would Jesus' mission be different than what they might have expected?

How does Jesus show His power and kingly authority in this passage? Describe a time when Jesus' power has been especially significant for you.

Jesus' coming fulfilled a thousand years of anticipation. What are some verses or stories in the Old Testament that created expectation for Jesus? Try to make a list of 5 to 10.

Why do you think that Jesus cleared the temple? What does Jesus clearing the temple show us about what God desires from us?

Who was mad and who was happy that Jesus cleared the temple? Why is that significant?

In Matthew, it is the weak and the insufficient people who see Jesus for who He really is. Why are we more likely to see or acknowledge Jesus for who He is when we are weak? Describe a weakness or a trial that you wanted to get rid of but actually served to deepen your relationship with Jesus.

#### **Read Matthew 21:18-22**

What in the world do you think these verses mean?

Do you think verse 22 will lead us to having a prosperity gospel theology? Why or why not?

**RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.**

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

**IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)**

Who is one person that you are going to invite to church next week?