**Matthew 21**

1. **The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem (Verses 1- 11)**
   1. Jesus proclaims His Messiahship
      1. The humble nature of the Lord, differs from that of a worldly king or commander returning home victorious
      2. Jesus fulfills prophecy
      3. Jesus has painted a clear picture of who He is
   2. The multitude of people were so excited to see the Messiah of God, they received Him as both King (they paved the way with cloaks and branches) and Messiah (they shouted Hosana to the Son of David…)
2. **Jesus clears the temple (verses 12-17)**
   1. The temple should have been a place where people could get closer to God and yet it found itself corrupted by men.
   2. Jesus would overturn tables and benches and drove them out.
      1. John 2:16;
      2. 1 Corinthians 11:22;
      3. The temple was corrupted for the love of money.
   3. After it was cleansed, Jesus was able to heal those who were in need.
   4. The Pharisees are not pleased by the things that they hear and see.
3. **Jesus curses a barren fig tree (verses 18-22)**
4. **Jesus authority is questioned (verses 23-27)**
   1. Jesus authority is questioned by the priests and elders
   2. He agrees to answer their question if they answer His question
      1. “The baptism of John-where was it from? From heaven or from men?
      2. They remain noncommittal
   3. Jesus does not answer their question
5. **The parable of the two sons (verses 28-32)**
6. **The parable of the tenants (verses 33-46)**
   1. A landowner goes through great efforts to ensure that his vineyard is successful.
   2. The vineyard is God’s chosen people.