

**The Jesus We Don't Expect**  
(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 54)  
March 21, 2021

The Passage: Matthew 21:1-22

Scene 1: The King Comes to Town

Scene 2: The King 'Cleans House'

Scene 3: The King Curses a Tree

**Life Group Questions for the Week of March 21, 2021**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. In this passage, which groups of people did or didn't recognize Jesus' significance? How do you explain that?
3. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowd treated him like a king and shouted "Hosanna," which is a Hebrew word meaning "save now." Jesus didn't meet the expectations of many of these people. What are some unrealistic expectations we sometimes have of God? When God doesn't do what we expect him to, how does that make you feel towards him? What can we do to keep our expectations of God rooted in truth?
4. When hearing about Jesus' anger, we can fall into the trap of thinking love and anger are opposites that can't coexist. What does Psalm 106:40-45 tell us about anger and love coexisting?
5. The merchandising in the Temple was taking place in the only area where Gentiles could worship. In light of Isaiah 56:6-8, why would that anger Jesus?
6. What obstacles/stumbling blocks do Christians and/or churches put in the way of those who are not yet disciples of Jesus?
7. In what ways did Israel cover its fruitlessness with flashy foliage? How can that happen in our lives today?
8. Do you think the church or we ourselves could be guilty of not fulfilling the reason for why we are here on earth? What is the purpose of the church on earth?
9. What difference does it make to you that Jesus is a "gentle" king, and not like the one described in Mt. 20:25?