



The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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The King's Road: Riding, Flipping and Withering

Matthew 21:1–22

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started

When you think about Jesus entering Jerusalem, what image or scene comes to your mind first? Why?

2. The King Arrives — Matthew 21:1–11

Jesus intentionally enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. What does this tell us about the kind of King Jesus is?

3. “Hosanna!”

The crowds shouted, **“Hosanna to the Son of David!”** What did they appear to recognize about Jesus? What does it mean for us to recognize Jesus as King—not merely as someone who can help us?

4. “Who Is This?”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the city was stirred and people asked, **“Who is this?”** Why is that still the most important question a person can answer?

5. Jesus Cleanses the Temple — Matthew 21:12–17

Jesus said, **“My house shall be called a house of prayer,”** but the people had turned it into something else. What was wrong with what was happening in the temple?

What are some ways Christians today can allow religious activity to replace genuine devotion to God?

6. The Unexpected Worshipers

The blind and lame came to Jesus in the temple, and Jesus healed them. Meanwhile, the religious leaders became indignant when they saw what Jesus was doing. What contrast do you see between the people coming to Jesus and the religious leaders responding to Him?

7. The Fig Tree — Matthew 21:18–19

The fig tree had leaves but no fruit. The sermon described the leaves as sending a **false message** because there was no fruit.

What does this teach us about the difference between looking spiritually healthy and actually bearing spiritual fruit?

8. Faith That Produces Action

Jesus connects faith with believing God and His will rather than simply going through religious motions. What does genuine faith look like in everyday life?

9. Personal Application

Where might you be tempted to have **“leaves without fruit”**—looking the part spiritually without allowing Christ to change your actions, priorities, or attitudes?

10. This Week

What is one specific thing God is calling you to **believe, obey, or change** as a result of this passage?

Prayer Guide

1. Recognizing Jesus as King

Pray that we would see Jesus for who He truly is and willingly submit every area of our lives to Him.

2. Genuine Faith

Ask God to move us beyond religious activity and give us a faith that genuinely trusts His Word and His will.

3. Spiritual Fruit

Pray that our lives would not merely have the appearance of faith but would produce visible fruit that honors Christ.

4. Faithful Obedience

Ask God to show each person one area where He is calling them to trust Him and obey His Word this week.