

Matthew – Part 10

Jesus in Jerusalem

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: Jesus in Jerusalem

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) The Triumphal Entry - a fulfillment of prophecy
 - a) Matthew 21:1-11 (Zechariah 9:9)
 - b) The crowd recognized this event as a fulfillment of a prophecy. What didn't they understand?
 - c) Luke 19:39-40 What can we learn from the reaction of some of the Pharisees and the response of Jesus?
- 2) The Second Cleansing of the Temple
 - a) Matthew 21:12-13 – why a second cleansing?
 - b) What is the significance of the events that occur after the second cleansing of the Temple? Matthew 21:14-16
 - c) How does the second cleansing of the Temple compare to the first cleansing of the Temple three years earlier? John 2:13-17
 - d) When does this inappropriate conduct in the Temple finally end? Matthew 23:37-39, 24:1-2
 - e) How can we ensure that our worship is in harmony with God's plan and truly honors Him? (Jn 4:23-24)
- 3) The Cursing of the Fig Tree
 - a) Matthew 21:18-19
 - b) The cursing of the fig tree seems arbitrary. What lessons does Jesus want us to learn about God's mercy and about faith?
 - c) Is it ever too late to accept God's mercy and grace?
- 4) The Parable of the Wicked Vineyard Workers
 - a) Matthew 21:33-39
 - b) What is Jesus talking about in the parable? Who do the different characters represent?
 - c) Matthew 21:40-43 – What was the consequence of their violent rejection of the landowner's son?
 - d) Who is the new nation that will be given a place of special honor and responsibility in the kingdom of God? (See 1 Peter 2:9)
 - e) Explain Matthew 21:44. How should we relate to the Stone? What does it mean to fall on the Stone and be broken?
 - f) Can children of Israel still be saved even though their leaders rejected the Landowner's son?
- 5) The Parable of the Wedding Feast
 - a) Matthew 22:1-14
 - b) What is the wedding garment that the careless guest refused to wear? Isaiah 64:6; Zechariah 3:1-4; Revelation 3:18, 19:8.
 - c) Why was the king so upset with this careless guest?
 - d) What needs to be discarded in order to put on the wedding garment? Romans 13:11-14
 - e) What warning do you hear for your life today?
 - f) How can we encourage others to accept the wedding garment so freely provided to all who are willing to accept it?