

Matthew Week 44: Triumphant Entry and Judgement To Come

Scripture Memory of the Month

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

We are going to read three stories that capture three different offices or roles of Christ: king, prophet, and judge. Read each story and then discuss.

Read Matthew 21:1-11

How does Jesus display his kingship in this passage?

What does his entrance say about the type of king he is and the type of kingdom he is ushering in?

How does the kingship of Christ encourage our faith?

Read Matthew 21:12-17

How does Jesus display his prophetic role in this passage?

How do his actions show what Jesus is correcting?

How does the prophetic role of Christ encourage our faith?

Read Matthew 21:18-22

How does Jesus display his role as judge in this passage?

What does his condemnation of the fig tree teach us?

How does Jesus' role as judge encourage our faith?

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.