

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

“TRIUMPHAL ENTRY AND TEMPLE CLEANSING”

Day 1 – Read Matthew 21:1-27, Mark 11:1-33, Luke 19:11 – 20:8

1. Share a significant thought to you from last week’s lesson.

2. a. What do you think were the feelings of the disciples in today’s reading?

b. What emotions do you think Jesus revealed?

Day 2 – “Parable of Fruitfulness” – Review Luke 19:11-27

3. As Jesus neared Jerusalem, why did He tell the parable?

4. Who do you think the following represent:
 - a. nobleman?

 - b. subjects/citizens?

 - c. servants/slaves?

5. a. The faithful servants were not rewarded with rest, but with what opportunity for wider service?

b. The worthless servant was punished on the basis of his _____ . How?

6. What do you think this parable is saying about present responsibility and future judgment?

7. a. What kinds of talents and resources has Jesus left with you?

b. How have you seen God give you more responsibility as you've been faithful in small matters?

Day 3 – “Triumphal Entry” – Review Luke 19:28-44 (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11)

8. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do?

9. a. Read Zechariah 9:9-17. Briefly what did the Jews expect from the Messiah?

b. Why was Jesus' entry so significant in light of Zechariah 9:9?

c. When Jesus comes again as King, on what will He ride according to Revelation 19:11?

10. a. How was Jesus received when He rode into town?

b. How did He silence the Pharisees' criticism?

11. Luke 19:41 says Jesus wept over Jerusalem. In your own words explain why.

12. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, analyze these events and share why the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is called “triumphal.”

Day 4 – “Temple Cleansing” – Review Matthew 21:12-17 (Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-58)

13. a. Who did Jesus throw out of the temple and why?

b. The noise of the temple merchants didn’t seem to bother the chief priests.

c. Please share what you consider to be the difference between what angered Jesus and what angered the chief priests.

14. Jesus quoted from Psalm 8. Read it aloud (even at home). Write a line of your own or one from Psalm 8 to praise God and share with your group.

15. In John 11:47-53 we learn a conspiracy existed to kill Jesus. From that Scripture:

a. What was their fear?

b. What was the prophecy of Caiaphas?

c. What was frustrating their plan from Luke 19:47, 48?

d. What are some ways we “hang onto His words” today?

Day 5 – “Rebukes” – Review Matthew 21:18-27 (Mark 11:12-14, 20-33; Luke 20:1-8)

16. As a result of Jesus’ rebuke, what happened to the unproductive fig tree?

17. a. What application did Jesus make about your faith and God’s power?

b. Jesus reminded them of what in Mark 11:25?

18. a. What do you think was the intent of the Jewish leaders in asking Jesus the question in Matthew 21:35?

b. Why was Jesus’ question so effective?

19. What did the people believe about John the Baptizer?

20. a. Jesus met their challenge to His authority. What does 2 Timothy 4:2 say we are to do?

b. Share a personal experience when your knowledge of Scripture or scriptural principles helped you meet a challenge.