

**Matthew's King: A Study of the Gospel of Matthew**  
**Sunday a.m. 1/05/2020 Passion Week Matthew 21:1-17**

🌟 **James and I will be preaching through the last week of Jesus earthly life for the next 15 weeks, finishing on Easter Sunday**

❖ We will cover the main events of each day of the Passion Week

■ **The Last Straw (John 11:45-57)**

- ◆ Jesus had recently raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44)
- ◆ Mary's neighbors saw that Lazarus was alive and believed in Jesus
- ◆ But, some of them went to the Pharisees and told them that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead
- ◆ The chief priest and Pharisees then called the Sanhedrin into session
- ✚ **What are we going to do since this man does many signs? (47)**
- ◆ Everyone will believe him if we let him continue (48)
- ◆ Then, the Romans will take our power, our nation and give it to Jesus
- ◆ Caiaphas, the high priest, said it is to our advantage that Jesus die
- ◆ It is better for one man to die than the whole nation perish
- ◆ Caiaphas, unknown to himself, prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation and also for the world (51-52)

**Note:** God can use anyone for His purpose. Ex. Balaam in the OT

- ✚ Are you allowing God to use your life for Him?
- ✚ If he could use Caiaphas, He can use you!

🌟 **They plotted to kill Jesus from that day on (John 11:53)**

- ❖ Jesus went into seclusion in wilderness to a town called Ephraim (54)
- ❖ Many Jews from Bethany went to Jerusalem to prepare for Passover and wondered whether Jesus would come to Passover (11:55-56)

⊛ **The chief priests and Pharisees ordered anyone that saw Jesus to report it to them so he could be arrested (57)**

■ **A Dinner of Honor (Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8)**

- ❖ Six days before Passover (Saturday evening), a dinner was held in honor of Jesus at the home of Simon the leper
- ❖ Martha, Lazarus, Mary and the disciples were in attendance

◆ **Three things to note at this dinner**

- **Lazarus is still alive**

⊛ **The resurrection of Lazarus was not temporary**

**John 12:1-2 (CSB)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there; Martha was serving them, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.

- ✚ A large crowd from Jerusalem arrived when they heard that Jesus and Lazarus were in Bethany
- ✚ Those that arrived in Jerusalem for preparation for Passover heard the story of Lazarus and went to Bethany to see if it was true
- ✚ The chief priest decided to also kill Lazarus because many Jews were deserting them and believing in Jesus **(John 12:11)**

⊛ **Your life can be resurrected! You are dead spiritually, but you can be made alive in Christ!**

- **Mary worshipped Jesus**

- ✚ Mary, unannounced, opened a bottle of expensive perfume and anointed Jesus, from head to toe
- ✚ She wiped His feet with her hair
- ✚ The aroma filled the house

## → Two lessons

### ✪ Worship is costly

- ✚ Mary, like King David, would not give to the Lord what cost her nothing
- ✚ It may cost you your pride

### ✪ Worship is evident

- ✚ Worship among God's people should be evident, contagious
- ✚ Worship is not just an inward expression, but an outward expression

### • Judas is exposed

- ❖ Though other disciples mentioned this as a waste, only Judas mentioned the cost of the oil

- ✚ Also, only John said that Judas was a thief (**John 12:4-6**)
- ✚ He may have been the only one that knew this

### ✪ Judas left the dinner and volunteered his services to the chief priest to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver

- ❖ He then looked for an opportunity to betray Jesus

### ✪ Do we betray Jesus by not being fully committed to Him?

- ❖ Martha had worked for the Lord by serving the supper (**12:2**), Mary had worshipped Him (**3**), and Lazarus witnessed for Him (**9**)

## ■ The Triumphant Entry (**Matthew 21:1-11**) Sunday

### • His plans were deliberate (**21:1-7**)

- ❖ His intentional, "in the face" approach was out of character for Jesus
  - ✚ Jesus had made plans for His entrance
  - ✚ Jesus procured a donkey to ride into Jerusalem
  - ✚ Jesus forced the hands of the chief priest to move up the time table

- ❖ The chief priest did not want to arrest Jesus at Passover due to fear of rioting by His followers **(Mark 14:1-2)**
- **His entrance was not subtle (Matthew 21:8:11)**
- ❖ The crowd begins to throw their coats and palm branches at His feet
  - ⊛ **A crowd of the faithful followed Him from Bethany and a crowd of the curious met Him at the East Gate (9)**
  - ⊛ **Both crowds began to shout Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord**
- ❖ The Pharisees ask Jesus to silence His followers
- ❖ Jesus responds by saying that the stones will cry out if they are silent
- ❖ Jesus weeps for Jerusalem **(Luke 19:41)**
- ❖ Jerusalem is stirred as if an earthquake had taken place **(Mt. 21:10)**
  - ⊛ **Jesus clears the Temple of the money changers (Mt. 21:12-13)**
- ❖ Jesus heals blind/lame, children shout “Hosanna to the Son of David”
  - ◆ **Those that had only heard the stories now are eye witnesses**
- ❖ Again, the chief priest and scribes rebuke Jesus
- ❖ Jesus and His disciples leave for Bethany

### Close

- ✚ Are you allowing God to use your life for Him?
- ✚ Are you spiritually dead?
- ✚ Is worship evident in your life?
- ✚ Do you betray Jesus in the life you live?
- ✚ Are you intentional in the way you live for Jesus?