

Study Guide
The Kingdom Has Come
Matthew 21:1-17

Big Idea: Fight the good Fight.

1. Who are you voting for? (*Just kidding*).

Perhaps a better question is, “What are you fighting for?”

As tensions rise getting closer to the election, it mirrors the scene as Jesus approaches Jerusalem. There is tension because the religious leaders had already decided Jesus needed to be executed, and yet Jerusalem is the Holy City of God.

Rather than getting into a political discussion, let’s take a closer look at how Jesus fights the good fight.

2. Read Matthew 21:1-5. Discuss the following characteristics of our King and how they affect us today:

A. Foreknowledge “*you will find*”

B. Authority- “*you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them’*”

C. Meekness- “*Colt*”

Which one of these characteristics of Christ, do you appreciate the most? Why?

3. Read Matthew 21:6-11. Describe the scene of the coronation of Christ by the pilgrims coming to worship from near and far. What did it say about them and about Christ?

4. Read Matthew 21:12-14. Why does Jesus remain meek and lowly when it comes to Rome, and then aggressive in the Temple court? What is He fighting for? How do we misrepresent God at times? Why do you think it angers God when believers misrepresent Him?

5. Read Matthew 21:15-17. Notice how Jesus takes a stand for His identity and His word. Discuss how we can “fight the good fight” as believers in the same way Jesus did so back then.

Message Slides

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I. Clash of Kingdoms (v.1)

“Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,”

Luke 19:41-42 + 44b

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes... because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

II. Our King (v.2-3)

²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

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Daniel 2:21- He changes times and seasons. He removes Kings and sets up Kings.

Proverbs 21:1 The Kings heart is a water stream that the Lord controls. He directs it wherever He pleases.

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Matthew 21:4-5 (Zech. 9:9)

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Video: 1:22-2:30

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/gospel-kingdom/>

III. His Coronation (v. 6-11)

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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IV. The Fight for Worship (v.12-17)

¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My

house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

IV. The Fight for Worship (v.12-17)

¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

¹⁷And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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