

Bible Study February 4, 2026

Matthew 21: 10-22 Jesus enters Jerusalem – The Last Week

Mt. 21: 10-11 Who Is This? The “whole city” was stirred up, just as “all Jerusalem” was “troubled” when the King of the Jews was born (Mt. 2:3). Read Mt. 2: 1-6

Moses foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15-18 the arrival of "a prophet like me" to whom the people should pay heed. Refer to John 6:1-15 for further context.

Mt. 21: 12-17 Jesus Cleanses the Temple Read John 2: 13-17

Jesus apparently cleansed the Temple are twice, once early in His ministry, and later, during the last week of His life. The first as a warning, the second as a sign of judgement. The Matthew account appears that this happened on the same day Jesus entered Jerusalem (Sunday), but Mark 11: 12-19 clearly reports this happened on Monday. Jesus enters the Temple area and drove out all who exchanged money and sold animals for sacrifice. He compared the authorities who supervised these activities as a “den of robbers.”

While there, the blind and the lame came to Jesus and He healed them. This, too, made the Temple authorities indignant. They asked, “Do You hear what these are saying?” Jesus replies, “Yes, have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?’”

He then went out of the city to Bethany.

Mt. 21: 18-22 Jesus Curses the Fig Tree On the way back to Jerusalem; Jesus is hungry and comes to a fig tree in full leaf. He declares, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” the tree withers and the disciples ask, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” Jesus then encourages them to have faith and do not doubt. If they do this, not only can they do what was done to the fig tree, but their faith can move mountains. Matthew records this event in a topical manner, while Mark records it chronologically (Read Mark 11: 12-11-26).