

Bible Study in Matthew 21 1-5 12-17
For Home Groups in the week commencing 2nd October 2011.

Welcome.

Q: What character trait do you admire/like/hate (only one!) most in someone?

Word.

*Q: Read **Matthew 21:1-11***

Q: What sort of person do you think the people of Jerusalem were expecting?

Q: Why does Jesus elect to ride into town on a donkey (or even, on a colt, the foal of a donkey)? What would he have looked like?

Q: Jesus is God and Man, awesome God and suffering servant combined. Spend time exploring these seemingly incompatible aspects of God in Christ (the divine and the human). Why is this so utterly special and attractive to us?

Q: In what ways therefore is Jesus distinct from every other religious leader?

Q: In what ways do we resemble Jesus as children of God, inheritors of the Kingdom of God? How should this impact our character?

*Q: **Read Matthew 12-17***

Why does Jesus turn over the tables and drive out all who were buying and selling there?

Q: Why was the practice of selling animals to sacrifice corrupt?

Q: Why was the practice of selling sacrifices there inappropriate?

Q: Why was the practice of selling sacrifices now obsolete?

Q: When we do something that hurts someone else “sorry” not enough. What needs to happen for Justice to take place and what else needs to happen if we are to be reconciled to the person we have offended?

Q: In what way does Jesus therefore fulfil Justice and make reconciliation possible?

Q: How does Jesus death change how we think about ourselves? How does his death change the way we relate to others?

Q: Jesus death did away with the need for Temple sacrifices and therefore the need for the Temple. What now is the Temple of God? Why is our church building not a Temple? What does Matthew 21v13 refer to?