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What is our authority today?

What is scripture good for?
II Timothy 3:16

What should we do when some else teaches us something about the word?
Acts 17:11

What should we do if some teaches us something contrary to God's word?
Galatians 1:8-9

What will we be judged by?
John 12:48, Revelation 20:12

Are we under the old testament today?
Galatians 3:23-29, Colossians 2:8-23, Romans 7

How should all we do be done?
Colossians 3:17

Who's will should we seek?
Galatians 1:10-12

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 21:1-46

Lesson 19

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 22:1-46

Memory Verse — Matthew 21:22

In the 21st chapter of Matthew we have a number of significant events. In this chapter we see Christ make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we see him cast those who bought and sold in the temple out, we see him curse a fig tree that was all show and no fruit, and we see him expose the wicked hearts of the chief priests and elders to themselves.

Surely all that Christ had done made it evident to the people that Christ was truly special, and this is demonstrated by the fact that they acknowledge him as the Son of David. What a glorious sight this must of been as Christ entered Jerusalem with the people laying their garments and branches from the trees in the road to make a path for him. What a glorious noise it must have been to hear the people say, "Hosanna to the son of David" and "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

After Christ entry into Jerusalem He entered into the temple and cast out those who bought and sold and overthrew the tables of those who exchanged money. Christ did what the priests and elders should have done. Next Christ healed the blind and lame in the temple and then with all that was happening the children spontaneously shouted Hosanna to the son of David.

The next day as Christ was teaching in the temple the chief priests and elders came and ask Jesus by what authority he did these things, and who gave him this authority. Christ knowing their hearts told them that he

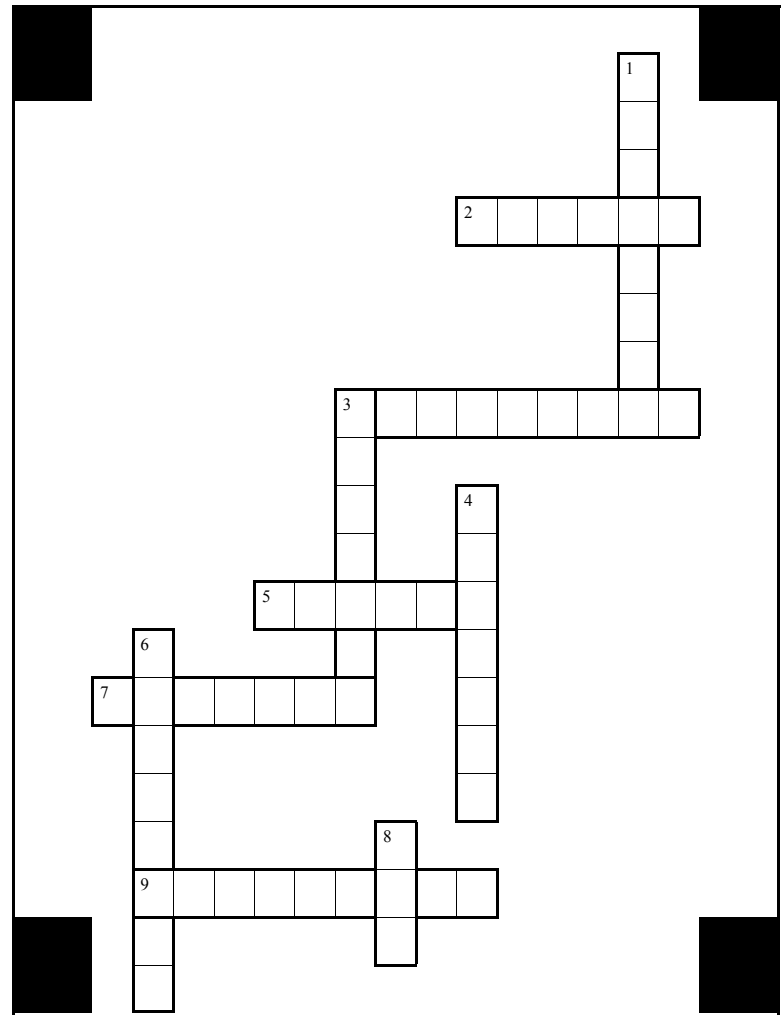
would answer their question if they would first answer his. Christ ask them if the baptism of John was from Heaven or men. The priests were not concerned with the truth, but thought — “if we say it is of men, the people believed John to be a prophet and if we say from Heaven then He would say why did you not believe Me” and so they did not answer his question.

Christ realized the hypocrisy of the priests and elders of the people and told them two parables. First Jesus described two sons whom their father had asked to go work in his field. One son said he would not go, but did. The other son said he would go but did not. Christ ask them which son did the will of his father. Christ was relating the fact that the publicans and harlots had heard the good news and had accepted it while the self righteous Pharisees and Jewish leaders, who were claiming to be God's, would not follow him.

The second parable that was told was about a householder who had a vineyard and had hired it out. When time for fruit had come the householder sent for the fruit there of; however, the men were wicked and beat, killed, and stoned the servants whom the householder sent. Finally, the householder sent his son and they killed him. Christ then asked the elders and priests what the householder would do to those men when he came. The men replied that he would destroy them and hire his vineyard out to other men who would render him fruit in season. After the Pharisees had unknowingly pronounced conviction on themselves Christ told them that the kingdom would be taken from them and given to another nation. How foolish of the priests and elders to think that they could take God's blessings and ignore him.

We need to make sure that we give God and His Son the praise they deserve. God has given us life through His Son and we should praise and thank Him for that. As God gives us opportunity we should take

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CROSS to fill in the Puzzle.
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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. Jesus cast men out of here who were buying and selling and exchanging money?(21:12)
3. Jesus told his disciples that if they asked anything in prayer and did this they would receive it.(21:22)
5. When Jesus came to this mount he sent his disciples to get a donkey and a colt.(21:1)
7. Jesus told the chief priests and elders of the people that this thing of God's would be taken from them.(21:43)
9. The chief priests and elders wanted to know by what _____ Christ did these things. (21:23)

Down

1. When Christ cast out those who sold in the temple and then healed the lame and blind these people began to praise him in the temple?(21:15)
3. Jesus asked the chief priests and elders of the people if this of John's was from Heaven or men?(21:25)
4. The people shouted this as Jesus entered Jerusalem.(21:9)
6. Jesus told a parable about a householder who had one of these.(21:33)
8. Jesus cursed this kind of tree for looking like it had fruit when it did not.

Lesson 18 - Across - 2. Jerusalem, 4. last, 5. Zebedee,
7. betrayed, 9. chosen, 10. minister, 11. blind -
Down - 1. vineyard, 3. eleventh, 6. servant, 8. life
9. crucify.

advantage of it, because the Lord may not hold out that opportunity forever. We need to make sure that we are not naive like the chief priests and elders of the people. Let each of us seek to produce fruit for our loving Father.

Match the verse with the event

Scriptures from Matthew

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| a. 21:1-3 | b. 21:7-11 | c. 21:12-13 | d. 21:14 |
| e. 21:15-16 | f. 21:19-20 | g. 21:23 | h. 21:24-27 |
| | i. 21:28-32 | | j. 21:33-46 |

- _____ 1. A man had two sons and told them to go work in his vineyard. One said he would not go, but did and the other said he would, but did not.
- _____ 2. Jesus told a tree that gave the appearance that it had fruit but had none to wither away.
- _____ 3. Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the people laid their garments and branches from trees in the road to make a path for him. As Christ entered Jerusalem the People shouted, Hosanna to the son of David.
- _____ 4. Jesus healed the blind and lame in the temple.
- _____ 5. Jesus sent two of his disciples to bring him a donkey and a colt.
- _____ 6. Jesus told the priests if they would tell him if John's baptism was of Heaven or men he would answer their question.
- _____ 7. The Children in the temple spontaneously praised Jesus saying Hosanna to the son of David.
- _____ 8. Jesus entered into the temple and cast out those who bought and sold and overthrew the tables of them that exchanged money.
- _____ 9. The priests and elders of the people came to Jesus and asked him by what authority he did these things.
- _____ 10. Jesus told the priests and elders a parable about

a householder and his vineyard. The householder had let out his vineyard to some men and when it was time for the harvest he sent his servants to collect what was due him; however the men beat and killed his servants. Finally, the householder sent his son, but the men killed his son. So the householder will destroy those men and give his vineyard to other men who will give him fruit in season.

Questions

Answer the Following Questions

1. What did Jesus send two of his disciples to get.
2. What did the multitude say and do as Christ entered Jerusalem?
3. What did Jesus do when he entered the temple? What did the children say after he had done those things?
4. Why did Jesus curse a fig tree?
5. What question did the chief priests and elders of the people come and ask Jesus? What was Christ's answer?
6. What was the lesson behind the parable of the father and his two sons whom he told to go and work in his vineyard?
7. What was the lesson behind the parable of the householder and his vineyard? Did the elders and priests understand the message? What was their reaction.