

Matthew 21-22 ENCORE pt. 2

1. Last week we saw that the Jewish leaders were trying to discredit Jesus or even trying to find a way to accuse Him so they could have Him put to death. They saw Him as a political threat and wanted Him out of the way (Luke 6:6-7; 11:53-54; 14:1-2; 20:20; Matthew 27:17-18). Jesus was tested regarding His authority (Matthew 21:23), His allegiance (Matthew 22:15-22), His doctrine or the resurrection (Matthew 22:23-33), and the Scriptures or the Law (Matthew 22:34-40). How did Jesus' questioners react to His answers (Matthew 21:27; 22:22, 33-34, 46)?
2. Jesus offered some tests of His own; His first test was that of fruitfulness (Matthew 21:18-22). What is the main point of the fig tree illustration (Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 13:6-9)?
3. Read Matthew 21:28-32; what would you call the second test?
4. What is the main point of the parable of the vineyard (Matthew 21:33-41)?
5. Do you think the servants in Matthew 22:1-6 loved their King?
6. What was more important to them than their King?
7. The next test was offered by the Pharisees (Matthew 22:15-22) but Jesus turned it into a test of His own. We are calling this a test of allegiance or stewardship. Read Genesis 1:26-27; whose image is on you?
8. Since God's image is on you what is the application (Matthew 22:21)?
9. The last test from this passage is Jesus' test of the Scriptures (Matthew 22:41-45). The Jewish leaders hated Jesus because they were not right with God and because they didn't understand (or want to understand) what God had clearly revealed to them in His word. Today we have God's plan of redemption fully revealed to us in the Bible. What is one major way people mishandle the Scriptures today (James 1:22)?
10. What was the main point of all these tests?
11. How had the Jewish leaders responded to the goodness, mercy and grace of God (Matthew 21:42)?
12. How does God respond to those who reject Him (Matthew 21:42-46)?
13. How does God expect His people to live (Matthew 21:43)?
14. Why do you think Jesus included the part in Matthew 22:11-13 to the parable of the wedding?
15. How can you know you are right with God (Galatians 5:22-26)?
16. What test of fruitfulness is presented in James 3:8-18?
17. Should the Jewish leaders have known they were not right with God?
18. What is the application for your life today?