

## **JESUS DRIVES TRADERS FROM THE TEMPLE**

### **Reflecting on Matthew 21:12 – 17**

#### **Corresponding Scriptures:**

Mark 11:15 – 18; Luke 19:45 – 47 (and compare John 2:13 – 16)

Each writer of the gospel accounts shares some detail(s) that the other writers do not share:

Compare:

- **MATTHEW:**
  - Palm Sunday/Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (21:1 – 11)
  - Jesus Drives Traders from the Temple (21:12 – 17)
  - Jesus Curses the Fig Tree (21:18 – 22)
  - Jesus Teaches in the Temple (21:23 – 23:30)
  - Jesus Departs from the Temple (24:1)
  
- **MARK**
  - Palm Sunday (11:1 – 10)
  - Jesus in the Temple, Looking (11:11)
  - Jesus Curses the Fig Tree (11:12 - 14)
  - Jesus Drives Traders from Temple (11:15 – 19)
  - The Withered Fig Tree (11:20 – 26)
  - Jesus in the Temple (11:27 – 12:44)
  - Jesus Departs from the Temple (13:1)
  
- **LUKE**
  - Palm Sunday (19:28 – 40)
  - Jesus Weeps over the City of Jerusalem (19:41 – 44)
  - Jesus Drives Traders from Temple (19:45, 46)
  - Jesus Teaches in the Temple (19:47 – 21:37)
  - Jesus Re-enters the Temple (21:38)

#### **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. What are the different physical areas of a church building? (Ex: sanctuary)
2. Name the different actions/activities/functions that should take place "In God's House?" (Ex: preaching)
3. Is a church building rightfully called, "God's House?" Why or Why not?
4. What gave Jesus Christ "the right" to drive out the traders and money changes from the temple?
5. Does Jesus Christ still have the right to do so, today? Why or Why not?

#### **FILL IN THE BLANK:**

Everything that happens in "God's house" should be:

1. Should be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Should be \_\_\_\_\_
3. Should be \_\_\_\_\_

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