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THE KING ARRIVES
MATTHEW 21:1-17

Introduction – Disruption

Disruption #1: Lord over Rome

Disruption #2: Lord over the Temple

What Does This Mean For Us?

Conclusion

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. Today, we talked about disruptions. What has been a disruption event in your life? Where there is a clear before and after?
2. We said that Jesus' coming into Jerusalem was a prophetic disruption of both political and religious power. What did you learn about how his actions symbolized his authority over Rome and The Temple?
3. As you consider the reality that the Kingdom of God is set over and against the kingdoms of this world- where do you see yourself struggling to not be caught up in allegiance to some kind of earthly kingdom?
4. We said that Jesus is often opposed to the powerful- challenging them about how their power causes pain to others. Where in your life do you have power that Jesus might challenge you to surrender for the sake of others as He did?
5. At the temple, Jesus corrected a misuse of God's house and invited in those who were historically excluded from worship in the temple. We said this was a picture of how Jesus often seems to be on the side of the poor, the oppressed, the sick. How does this encourage you or challenge you?

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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