

Listen carefully to the Bible reading  
from Matthew 21 verses 1 to 22

Jesus is finally arriving in Jerusalem.  
Imagine a king arriving in a big city.

If he wanted to show everyone how  
**important** he was, what animal do  
you think he might take with him? \_\_\_\_\_

If he wanted to show everyone how  
**strong** and **powerful** he was,  
what animal would he take with him? \_\_\_\_\_

What animal did Jesus ride on into  
Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the words in the box describe how Jesus looked  
while riding along? Circle the correct words.

gentle	worried	mighty
rich	scary	humble

The way Jesus rode into Jerusalem shows us something  
about why he came. Can you rearrange the letters below to  
make a word that describes what Jesus came to do?

(Look at the next page if you need a clue)

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(Clue: look back to Matthew 20v28 - did you remember this from last week?)

He serves us in many ways, but especially by dying on the cross.

1. Jesus the **king** came to **serve**.

What were some of the things the people did when they saw Jesus coming?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus entered Jerusalem he went to the temple. Look at verses 12 and 13. Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐ for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

Jesus would never push tables and chairs over  
onto the floor ☐

The temple was supposed to be a place where  
people could come to pray to God ☐

Jesus was a weak king just like when he rode on a  
donkey ☐

These things Jesus did in the temple were like a **warning** to the people who did not treat God as they should.

Just like before, another group of people were praising Jesus and shouting 'Hosanna'. Who were shouting it this time? (Clue: look at verse 15)

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2. Jesus the **king** came to **warn**.

Verse 18 tells us about the next morning. How was Jesus feeling?

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But when he looked over the fig tree, he couldn't find any fruit! So he spoke to it and it withered. When a tree withers it dries up and dies. Draw what the fig tree might look like before and after Jesus did this.

Before	After

What is a fig tree supposed to make?

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Use the words in the box to complete these sentences.

destroyed	temple	fig tree	destroyed
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The \_\_\_\_\_ didn't do what it was supposed to do  
so the fig tree was \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ didn't do what it was supposed to do  
so the temple would be \_\_\_\_\_.

The fig tree and temple teach us something else about King Jesus:

3. Jesus the <b>king</b> came to <b>destroy</b> .
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Today the temple has gone. It was destroyed. Does this mean we can't pray to God any more?

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Of course we can! We can pray to God so easily today because we have King Jesus - he is better than the temple!

Draw ticks beside the places where we can pray to God today:

In the garden

In bed

At the dinner table

While out doing exercise

Can you remember the three things in the boxes that we learned about King Jesus today?