



“His Mission –My Mission”

Jesus Defeated Pride!

Matthew 21:1-11

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How did Jesus defeat pride and move people toward humility?

1. The pride of the disciples – “Will you obey Jesus?” (Matt. 21:1-7)
2. The pride of the crowd – “Will you honor Jesus?” (21:8-11)
3. The pride of the temple workers – “Will you love money or Jesus?” (21:12-13)
4. The pride of the religious leaders – “Will you resist or praise Jesus?” (21:14-16)

Application:

1. Which description of pride do you most struggle with? Are you ready to humble yourself before the Lord today? What changes need to take place to reflect your humility before the Lord?
2. Today is Palm Sunday. What can you do as an individual or as a family to honor Jesus? Is there a step of obedience? A sacrificial gift? A person to encourage?



Bible Study Questions/ Discussion

Main Thought of the Study –To understand the problem of pride in my life and to see the power of humility in my relationship with Jesus and in my desire to be on mission with Him.

Introduction Discussion – Share one thing you enjoyed doing as a kid that you wish you could do more of today. Why did that have meaning to you? What one thing do you appreciate about kids?

Reflection from the Message –

1. Define “pride.” Define “humility.” This week we will see how pride got in the way of four groups of people in their relationship with Jesus. In your experience, share how pride has hurt your relationships, marriage, family, co-workers, etc. Why is pride such a problem?
2. The disciples were asked to obey Jesus. Did they understand the command? Did it seem strange? (Matthew 21:1-2; John 12:16) Share a situation in your life where you did not understand God’s plan or timing or outcome. What was the significance of this prophecy in Zechariah 9:9? (Also Matthew 21:5-6) How does our obedience reflect our humility? How do humility and obedience go together? Has pride ever been the reason why you did not obey Jesus?
3. Discuss the actions of the crowd as Jesus is coming into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:8-11) Compare this story with Revelation 7:9-10. Why do you think some of the crowd were confused? (Matthew 21:10) Pride can cause us to hesitate in our worship and praise. Humble people understand worship. Share ways that help you be ready to worship the Lord with humility.
4. Jesus proceeds to cleanse the temple. (Matthew 21:12-13) Compare the second time of cleansing with the first time Jesus cleansed the temple. (John 2:13-17) How are they similar and how are they different? How do you think Jesus felt returning to the temple three years later and seeing the same behavior return to the temple? Jesus called them “robbers.” (Matthew 21:13) In what way can we rob God today?
5. Why were the religious leaders angry with Jesus? (Matthew 21:14-15) How did “pride” influence their anger? (Matthew 27:18) In what way do we need to become like little children? How does that reflect “humility” instead of pride?

Digging Deeper – Study the book of Proverbs and identify the problem with pride and the blessing of humility. (Proverbs 3:34; 8:13; 15:25, 33; 16:18; 21:4; 29:23)

Application:

1. Which area of “pride” that was discussed is the most difficult for you? Think of an act of humility to do this week in service to the Lord.
2. Remember to “pray for 3” this week and then invite them to the Easter services.