

# THISISTHE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON WHO EVER LIVED.



<sup>1</sup> As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."

#### MATTHEW 21:1-8 NLT

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey—

riding on a donkey's colt."

MATTHEW 21:1-8 NLT

<sup>6</sup> The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

# MATTHEW 21:1-8 NLT

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey riding on a donkey's colt.

#### ZECHARIAH 9:9 NLT

<sup>9</sup> Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

"Praise God for the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the

name of the Lord!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered.

# MATTHEW 21:9-10A NLT

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors <sup>13</sup> took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the

name of the Lord!

Hail to the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:

"Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.

Look, your King is coming,

riding on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup> His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.

<sup>17</sup> Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. <sup>18</sup> That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives."

## JOHN 12:23-24, 27-28 NLT

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came! <sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name."

# JOHN 12:23-24, 27-28 NLT

"And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

## JOHN12:32-33NLT

<sup>11</sup> So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

MARK11:11NLT



<sup>12</sup> On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup> And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

# MARK12:12-14 ESV

<sup>15</sup> When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and he stopped everyone

#### MARK12:15-19NLT

from using the Temple as a marketplace. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."

## MARK12:15-19 NLT

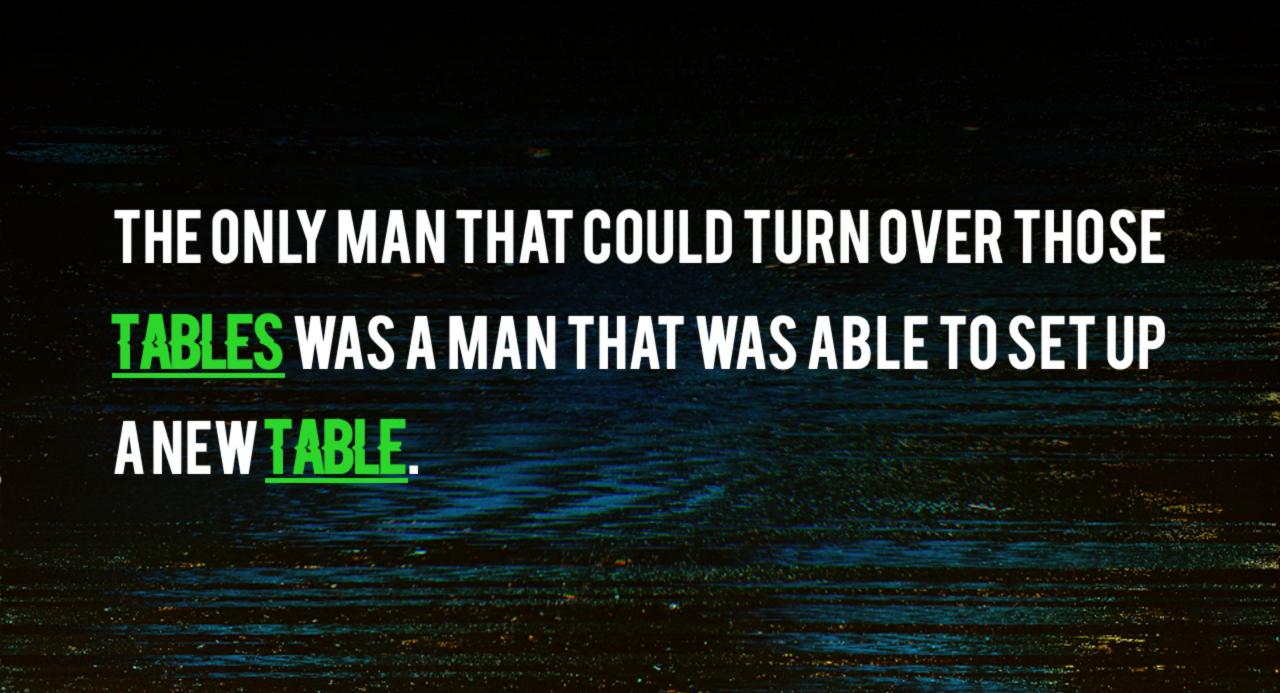
When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching. <sup>19</sup> That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city.

#### MARK12:15-19 NLT



<sup>20</sup> The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. <sup>21</sup> Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"

#### MARK11:20-21NLT



<sup>8</sup> First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). 9 Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. 10 For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

## HEBREWS 10:8-12 NLT

<sup>11</sup> Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

#### HEBREWS 10:8-12 NLT

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart."

#### MARK 11:22-23 NLT



THE POINT OF THE **TEMPLE** WAS ATONEMENT FOR SIN AND AN ABILITY TO BE NEAR GOD. JESUS CAME TO REMOVE THAT SYSTEM OF RELATING TO GOD AND ESTABLISH ANEW COVENANT WITHUS. "Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another

country. <sup>34</sup> At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop. <sup>35</sup> But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him, but the results were the same.

<sup>37</sup> "Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, 'Surely they will respect my son.'"

"But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!' <sup>39</sup> So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him."

40 "When the owner of the vineyard returns," Jesus asked, "what do you think he will do to those farmers?"

<sup>41</sup> The religious leaders replied, "He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest."

Then Jesus asked them, "Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures?"

'The stone that the builders rejected

has now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,

and it is wonderful to see."



<sup>37</sup> Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, <sup>38</sup> and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

# LUKE 21:37A, 38 NIV

<sup>3</sup> At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest, <sup>4</sup> plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup> "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot."

## MATTHEW 26:3-5 NLT