

Matthew 21:23-22:46

Ch 21

Theme – Triumphal Entry; Cleansing of the Temple (v12 & 13 actually occurs after v19); Jesus heals people in the Temple; religious leaders for the praise of the people; Curse of fig tree – disciples ask “How?”, not what this means; Authority of Jesus challenged, Jesus responds with question about John the Baptist; Parable of the Two Sons; Parable of the Landowner & the Tenants

Ch 22

Theme – Parable of the Wedding Feast; Pharisees/ Herodians try to trap Jesus (Lawful to pay taxes to Caesar); Sadducees try to trap Jesus (hypothetical woman married to seven brothers); “Which is the greatest commandment?” (question asked trying to test Jesus); Jesus reduces all of the law down to two – Shema (Deut 6:4-5) & Love your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:18); how can David call the Messiah his “Lord” if the Messiah is David's descendent (implies that David knows that the Messiah is greater than any mere man)
