

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Mark 11:1-19

1. As it stands right now, it can be easy to worry about the present and about the future. How are you encouraged by knowing that nothing that happens in the future can change what Jesus accomplished in the past?
2. Read Zechariah 9:9. What would the Jewish people of Jesus' day have understood to be the meaning of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a colt? How does this look different than the arrival of other kings and what does it say about Jesus' kingdom?
3. In ancient Israel, the king was responsible for overseeing the ministry of the temple. The king appointed priests and directed the worship in the temple. How did they feel when Jesus took control in the temple? How do you feel with Jesus in control of your life?
4. Jesus didn't rebuke the people as they praised him. Read Luke 19:39-40. What are some of the reasons why Jesus didn't rebuke the people who worshiped him?
5. Read Mark 11:17-18. What things did Jesus say in verse 17 that would have caused the chief priests and scribes to seek a way to destroy him?
6. Read Matthew's account of the temple cleansing in Matthew 21:12-16. Who came into the temple after Jesus ran the money changers out? How can Jesus' cleansing of the temple give you hope during these days of coronavirus?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 11:17. How can you make your own home a house of prayer today?