

MATTHEW 21

THE KING'S REJECTION

Chapter 21

Summary: Jesus' final days reveal Israel's rejection of Him as King.

I. Accepted by the Multitude (1-11). Jesus is accepted by the multitude, as He presents Himself as King in the triumphal entry.

II. The Temple Leaders' Rejection (12-17). He cleanses the temple a second time [see Jn 2:13-17], showing the temple leaders' rejection of his earlier ministry.

III. The Nation's Rejection (18-22). Jesus' cursing of the fruitless fig tree symbolizes the nation's fruitless rejection of Him.

IV. The Religious Leaders' Rejection (23-27). The religious leaders reveal their rejection of Jesus by questioning His authority.

V. The Religious Leaders' Rejection Portrayed (28-46). Jesus reveals their rejection of Him in the parable of the two sons (28-32) and of the vinedressers (33-46).

Lesson: *Rejecting Jesus brings fruitlessness and judgment.*