



MATTHEW

20:29 – 21:17

*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.”* — BCF Membership Binder

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. —Galatians 5:22-23a

OBSERVE

Prior to this, Jesus had kept his identity relatively low-key (this is what some scholars call the *messianic secret*). In what ways is Jesus now openly acknowledging his identity as Messiah in this passage?

Jesus is a king (the usual meaning of *Messiah* or *Christ*). But what sort of king? How does this passage indicate the type of king Jesus is? How is this different than our understanding of human kings? How is it similar?

After the events of 9/11, many churches doubled or even tripled in size—but only for a time. How does this recent event in history reflect to the actions of the crowd parading around Jesus? (Remember to consider what would happen just a few days later).

We have great hope in Christ not only for today but for eternity. How does this text point to the end of all things? See Psalm 96:11-12, Isaiah 55:12, as well as the following quote from D. A. Carson's commentary on Matthew:

"In the midst of all of this an unbroken young animal remains totally calm under the hands of the Messiah who controls nature, and stills the storm. This even points to the peace of the consummated kingdom. Jesus is the Lord of all and under his hand nothing but harmony and peace comes about. The animal knows and loves his true master for who he is."

REFLECT and OBEY

What does it mean to you that Jesus is both Savior and Lord?

How are we tempted to divide Jesus up into parts we like, and parts we don't like?

What has helped you to accept *all* of Jesus for who he is?

How would you explain this to someone just learning about Christ?