



Introduction

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. He clears the traders from the temple and has his authority questioned

Questions

1. What did Jesus say the Jews had made the temple into?
2. Under what circumstances will God not forgive us?
3. What would be the consequence for the Jewish leaders in saying that the baptism of John was from heaven?



A church in Bethany, where Jesus visited (v 1).

Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** People enthusiastically welcome Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. They link Jesus to the promises made to David (see theme)
- **12 to 19** Jesus curses a fig tree. Jesus throws the traders out of the temple because it should have been a house of prayer and quotes Isaiah 56 v 7. He says they have made it a den of robbers and quotes Jeremiah 7 v 11
- **v 20 to 26** The disciples notice the fig tree has withered. Jesus then teaches the importance of faith and forgiveness (see theme)
- **v 27 to 33** Jesus' authority is challenged by the Jewish leaders. He, in turn, challenges them with a question about the baptism of John

Timeline AD 30 (see below)

Themes / Information

God's promises to David

God promises king David that he will have a special descendant whose reign will not end:

2 Samuel 7 verses 12 and 13

The same promise is also recorded in the Chronicles record:

1 Chronicles 17 verses 11 to 14

The Psalms say that God has promised to give David a descendant who will be king:

Psalms 89 verses 3 and 4, 132 verse 11

In their preaching, the apostles Peter and Paul say that Jesus is the special descendant promised to David:

Acts 2 verses 29 and 30, 13 verses 22 and 23



God's forgiveness depends on our forgiveness

A selection of verses showing that God and Christ will forgive us if we forgive others.

Jesus Christ says:

Matthew 6 verses 14 and 15, 7 verse 2

The apostles Paul and James echo the same sentiment:

Ephesians 4 verse 32

Colossians 3 verse 13

James 2 verse 13

Israel in New Testament times

Map showing places in Israel in New Testament times including Jerusalem.





? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q1: v 17, Q2: v 26, Q3: v 31

Bible timeline

