

April 4, 2021

If Jesus Told the Easter Story...
Matthew 21:33-22:14

Setting the Scene:
Matthew 21:1-32

You Don't Know Who You Are Dealing With:
Matthew 21:23-46

Jesus Claimed To:

- Be **EQUAL** with God.
John 5:18, 8:58-59, 10:30-38, 12:45, 14:7-10, 16:15, 17:11-22
- Be the **VOICE** of God.
Matthew 5:17-44 / Mark 13:31 / John 6:63, 8:51-52, 14:23-24
- Have authority over **ALL THINGS**.
Matthew 8:27, 28:18 / Mark 1:27 / John 5:27
- Determine people's **DESTINY**.
Matthew 7:21-23 / Luke 12:8-9 / John 3:14-19, 5:22-27, 6:40, 6:51, 8:12, 10:7-41, 14:6
- Forgive **SINS**.
Mark 2:5-12 / Luke 5:20-24

You Don't Know What You Are Invited To:
Matthew 22:1-14:

1. Easter Sunday is just a **SMALL PART** of the Resurrection.
2. No one can **EARN** their way into the **PARTY**.
3. There is no **MIDDLE GROUND**: we can **ACCEPT** or **REJECT** the invitation.

Life Group Questions

- 1) There are a variety of ways people celebrate Easter. What was it like in your household growing up? What are your favorite traditions?
- 2) Pastor Matt talked about who Jesus claimed to be in this week's teaching. How do you think the average person would describe Jesus?

What would be your one-sentence description of Jesus?

- 3) Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused you or challenged you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we heard how God has given us all we need to produce "fruit" in the vineyard. **Ephesians 4:1-3** gives us a window into what this fruit could look like in our lives day to day. As you read **Ephesians 4:1-3**, write down how it would look in a specific situation for you to put each of the "fruits" or "actions" listed into practice.
- 5) Understanding who Jesus is and what He has done is the essential message of Easter. How do the following verses further describe Jesus beyond what we've already heard from this weekend's teaching?
 - **John 6:35**
 - **John 8:12**
 - **John 10:11**
 - **1 Timothy 2:5-6**
 - **Revelation 1:8, 22:13**

Is there one description you relate to more than the others?

TAKING IT HOME

- 1) Looking back at your responses on Digging Deeper #1, which actions or fruit would you like your Growth Group to pray for you about during this next season in life?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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