

24 - Matthew 21:1-22 – Withering figs and moving mountains**My city**

... the city of David.

... Jesus as the Son of David

He enters Jerusalem on a colt... a young donkey.

Zechariah 9:9. “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Psalm 118. “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest”

The Davidic king is coming to his place, Jerusalem, the Davidic city.

“Who is this?”

His Father’s house

Jer 7 ... corrupted worship

Jer 7:14 ... God will abandon ... as he did Shiloh.

Mat 12:6 ... something greater than the temple is here.

Psalm 8:1, “YHWH our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:2 (LXX) “from the lips of children and infant you lord have called forth your praise”.

The unlucky fig

Hosea 9 ... the coming days of punishment and rejection of the nation of Israel

Hosea 9:10 Israel ... a fig tree with young fruit

Achieving anything with faith and no doubt?

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Faith is not a commodity you wield for yourself and your plans no matter how good they might seem to you to be.

...trust in accomplishing God’s will in God’s power.

For us today**Recognise his authority**

What is it that you doubt concerning the authority of Jesus over this world and more importantly over your life?

Getting this passage wrong

Firstly, the temple is no longer god's house

Secondly, this build is not God's new house

Thirdly, trust, no doubt and prayer does not mean we can do anything

Fourthly, not about the need to stop selling things in church

Finally, this passage is not saying God will abandon those who teach falsely about God.