LIFE LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF JESUS

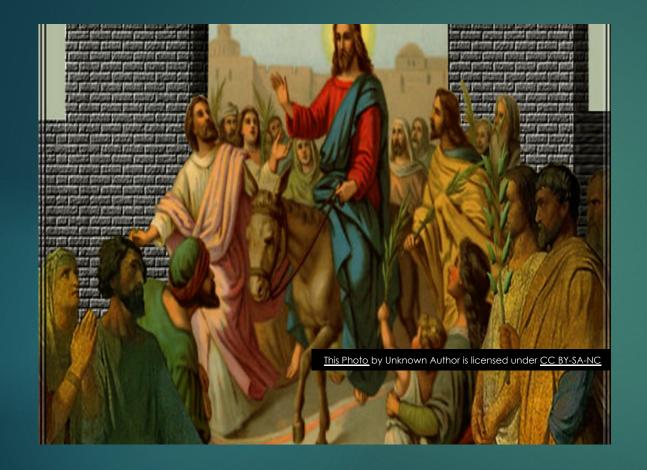
ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

MATTHEW 21: 28-32

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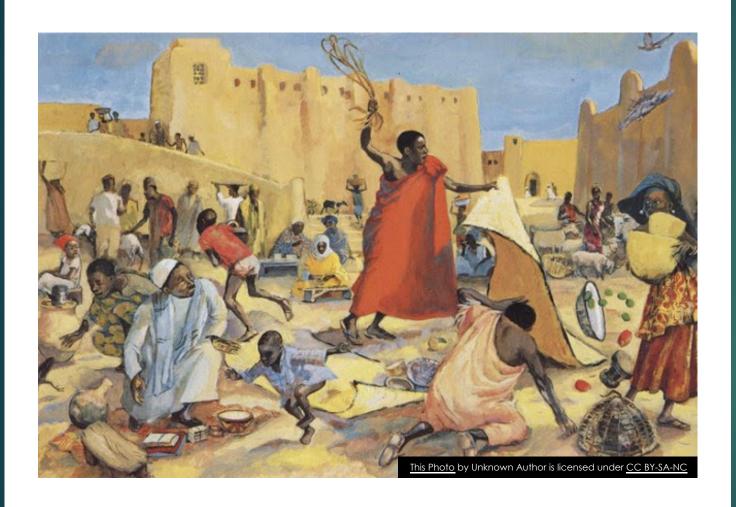




The setting of Matthew 21:

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem





The Setting of Matthew 21:

Jesus turns over the tables of the temple





Jesus heals the blind & lame at the temple





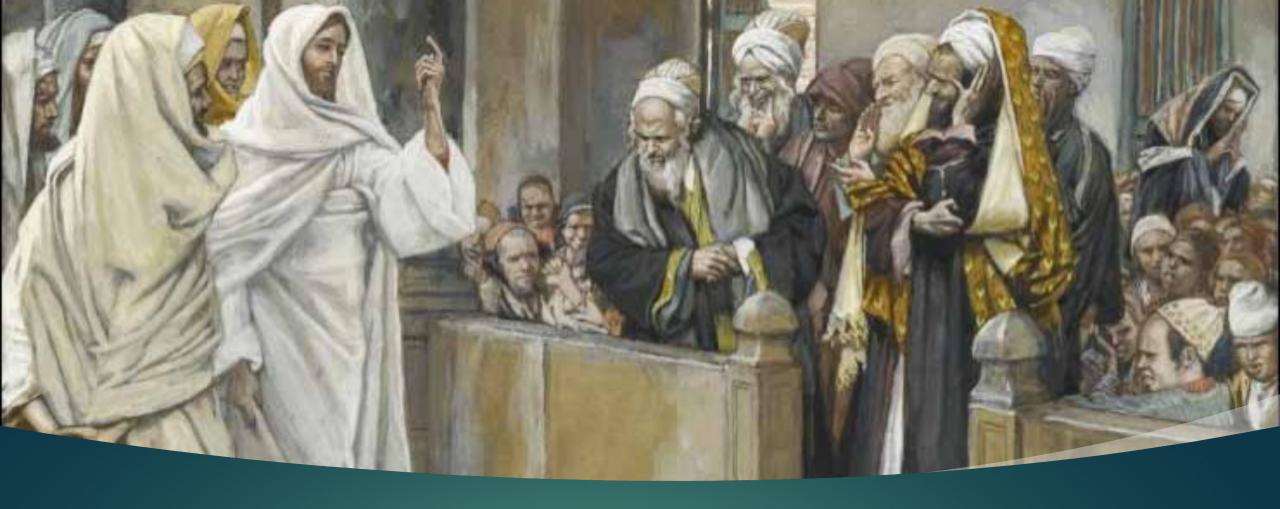
Children shouting in the temple courts "Hosanna, Hosanna to the son of David!"



The setting of Matthew 21:

Jesus curses the fig tree





The Authority of Jesus is Questioned

MATTHEW 21: 23-27





The Parable of the Two Sons and the Vineyard



Who did the will of his father?

- One son said "I will not, then changed his mind and went.
- ▶ The Other son said "I will sir, but he did not go?
- ▶ Chief Priests and elders said "The First Son"



Jesus said to them:

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.



Consider the Publican and the Pharisee

Luke 18:10-14 NIV

- 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'
- 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'
- 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



Consider the Good Samaritan Luke 10: 30-37

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



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- ▶ BRUNO MARS: DON'T BELIEVE ME JUST WATCH!!!!!!
- GRANDMA: I CAN SHOW YOU BETTER THAN I CAN TELL YOU
- ► JAMES THE BROTHER OF JESUS: BE A DOER OF THE WORD AND NOT A HEARER ONLY
- ▶ WORK as unto the LORD and not as to man.
- Kingdom of God is without walls...
- Look for the sacred in everyday life
- Don't blast what you do on front street, IG, TIK TOK, FB
- Put your FAITH IN ACTION
- ► SEEK TO BE THE BLESSING...

