

ANALYSIS:

1. What attribute characterized the Lord Jesus Christ when he rode into Jerusalem on an ass? _____
2. Why were the chief priests and scribes sore displeased one day in the temple? _____
3. In the parable of the two sons, what two groups of people did the two sons represent? _____
4. In the parable of the wicked husbandmen, who are the husbandmen, the servants, the heir, the other husbandmen, and the Lord of the Vineyard? _____
5. Where is the best place to be: on top of the stone or underneath the stone? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Lord Jesus Christ, JEHOVAH in the flesh, laid aside his kingly glory when he came to this earth to become a man in meekness and humility and to bear our sins upon himself. His earthly ministry was one of humiliation, lowliness, and disrespect. The Jewish leaders could not see in the meek prophet of Galilee the Lord of Glory. But he was not always meek and lowly. Note his visit to the temple that day: how he drove the merchandising Jews out of his Father's house. Note also his parables at the end of the chapter. While still in his humiliation, he is telling his foes that the day is coming when he will miserably destroy them and grind them to powder. What a triumphant Savior! He triumphed over death, sin, Satan, the cross, and the shame of it to purchase redemption for us. Later, he triumphed over all his enemies who crucified him, as the victorious King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is and always has been victorious and triumphant. Praise him today for being such a great Savior and great King!

Jesus Christ is still the mighty Stone today. You must either fall on him in repentance and beg him for mercy or he will grind you to powder as he did the rebellious Jews of his day in 70 AD

HELP:

1. Meekness (v 5).
2. Because they saw the wonderful miracles that Jesus performed and heard the children crying, "Hosanna to the son of David," referring to Jesus as the Messiah (v 15).
3. The son who refused but later went represents the publicans and harlots; while the son who agreed to go but did not represents the chief priests and elders of the people (vv 23, 28-32).
4. The husbandmen are the Jewish leaders; the servants are the prophets and apostles; the heir is the Lord Jesus Christ; the other husbandmen are the Gentiles; and the Lord of the vineyard is God/the Lord Jesus Christ (vv 33-43).
5. Definitely on top of the stone. We need to fall in repentance on the stone (the Lord Jesus Christ) or he will fall on us and grind us to powder in his wrath and judgment, just like he did the Jewish nation (vv 42-45).