

## Look Again

If Jesus came to your church, what would you say? What would you do?

Read Matthew 21:1-46.

1. Christ's entry into Jerusalem created so much excitement because:
  - A. Everyone loves a parade.
  - B. Many were already primed to make Jesus their king.
  - C. It seemed like the golden opportunity to throw out the Romans.
  - D. It fulfilled Old Testament prophecy for the Messiah (Zechariah 9:9).
  - E. Jesus appealed to the masses, but not to their leaders.
  - F. It was Passover time, so the crowd was already huge.
  - G. Once it started, it snowballed and couldn't be stopped.
  - H. This was the first time Jesus didn't shun the crowd's adoration.
  - I. Other.
  
2. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple?
  - A. He did it to start His ministry (John 2) and it needed cleansing again.
  - B. The temple was dirty.
  - C. The religious leaders were ripping off people.
  - D. Jesus was furious.
  - E. The temple practices excluded more people than they included.
  - F. To give access to those left out—the blind, the lame, and children.
  - G. It's what Jesus does.
  - H. To challenge the religious establishment.
  - I. Other.
  
3. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?
  - A. When you're hungry, you do extreme things.
  - B. The fig tree was hypocritical—leaves on a fig tree means it has fruit.
  - C. The fig tree symbolized God's people—hypocrites.
  - D. To show the disciples supernatural power.
  - E. To train His disciples in tree thinning.
  - F. To train His disciples how to put faith into action.
  - G. Being fruitful matters to Jesus.
  - H. I don't think this story really happened.
  - I. Other.

4. What caused such conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders?
  - A. Jesus made the religious leaders look weak.
  - B. Jesus made the religious leaders look foolish.
  - C. Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders.
  - D. Jesus messed up the sales at the temple at peak season—Passover.
  - E. It was all about power.
  - F. It was all about authority.
  - G. Jesus was the cousin of John the Baptist—another agitator.
  - H. Jesus upset everything the religious leaders had in place.
  - I. Other.
  
5. What lesson(s) do you draw from the story of the two sons?
  - A. Both were hypocrites—neither son did what he said he would do.
  - B. The father hadn't trained his sons very well.
  - C. The sons lacked respect for their father.
  - D. Those who say the right thing don't necessarily do the right thing.
  - E. Those who say the wrong thing don't necessarily do the wrong thing.
  - F. The Jewish leaders incriminated themselves without realizing it.
  - G. Everyone stands in need of repentance.
  - H. Other.
  
6. What made the story of the evil farmers so impactful?
  - A. Jesus was a great storyteller.
  - B. The story seems so exceptional and extreme.
  - C. Some who listened had actually done what Jesus described.
  - D. The religious leaders pronounced judgment on the evil farmers.
  - E. The religious leaders didn't even realize the story was about them.
  - F. The punchline was a gut punch.
  - G. The interpretation showed the bad were in, and the good were out.
  - H. Other.
  
7. What upsets you about hypocrites—those who say one thing but do something else?
  
  
8. When are you most likely to be hypocritical—not do what you say, or not say what you do?