



The Economy of the Kingdom

Calming Tomorrow's Anxieties by Seeking Lasting Treasure Today

Message from Last Sunday (Matt. 6:19–21)

The Goal of the Kingdom Economy:

Lay Up to Lay Down



Focus for This Sunday (Matt. 21:14–17)


The Attitude of the Kingdom Economy:

**Worshiper: Receivers of Grace
Are Givers of Praise.**



Biblical Idea from Matthew 21:14–17

Three groups encountered Christ in his temple resulting in different responses.





THE SICK CAME INTO HIS PRESENCE
TO RECEIVE HEALING (21:14).



THE SANHEDRIN FUMED AT HIS
PRESENCE WITH INDIGNATION (21:15).



THE SIMPLE CHILDREN PRAISED HIS
PRESENCE PROPHETICALLY (21:15).

Psalm 8 (ESV) – A Psalm of David

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **Out of the mouth of babies and infants**, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

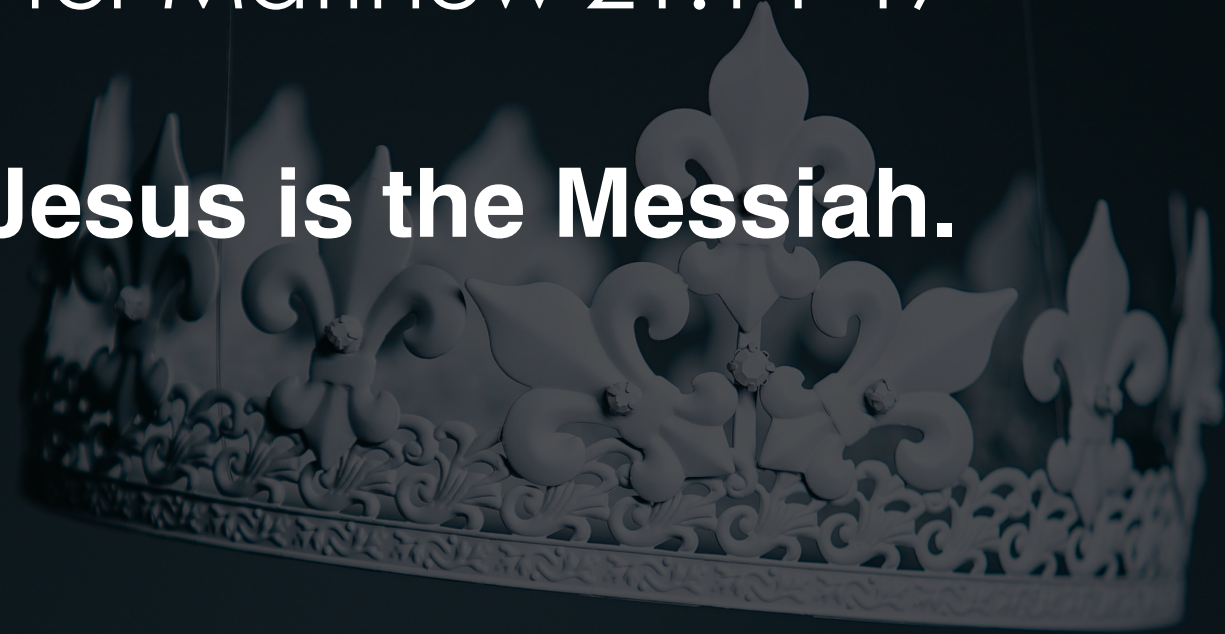
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#CHRISTENCOUNTER
#RESPONSEREQUIRED

Timeless Truth for Matthew 21:14–17

Jesus is the Messiah.



“Are you the one who is to come?” (Matt. 11:2–19)

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”


As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

“Are you the one who is to come?” (Matt. 11:2–19)

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in **the kingdom of heaven** is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven** has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon.” The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.



JOHN CAME ONE WAY.
JESUS CAME ANOTHER WAY.



THE PEOPLE DIDN'T MOURN.
THE PEOPLE DIDN'T DANCE.



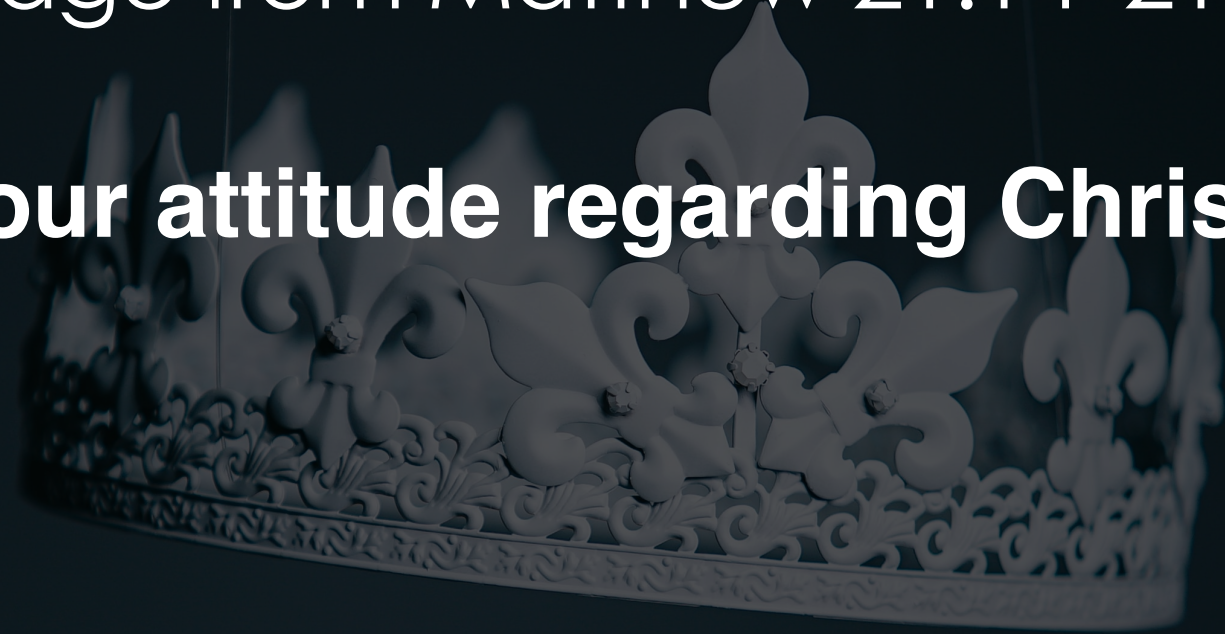
APATHY LEADS TO INDIGNATION.
APATHY FEELS JUSTIFIED IN ITS ANGER.



#ATTITUDE

Today's Message from Matthew 21:14–21

Reset your attitude regarding Christ.



Reflection

- Are words like “apathetic,” “resigned,” or “justifiably angry” ones that you would use to describe your attitude toward Christ today?
- If so, you need a reset. The attitude of a worshiper in the kingdom economy *receives grace and gives praise.*
- The rejection of Christ leads to conformity to cultural norms.



#RESET

Reset: Identifying Areas of Apathy & Conformity

- Reset your anger: Indignant words reveal an indignant heart.
- Reset your withdrawal: Coming leads to receiving.
- Reset your end: Praise is the goal.

#AWE





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