



# JOURNEY with JESUS

## ***Lesson Eight – Driving Down the Court*** ***Mark 11:1-33***

It's Sunday. This is the week it will all happen. Jesus will live through the plan of salvation in the next few days. He will finally become the sacrifice great enough to take away the sin of the world. He will provide the means for sinful men to approach a holy God. He's 100% divine, so he understands the importance of this week. But he's also 100% human, so he will feel the pain. But it is even more painful for him to encounter those who would hinder people from worshipping God. And as he starts the week, he makes his way through the temple court and drives away those types of people who hinder others from worship. You could say Jesus is *Driving Down the Court*.

1. During the Triumphal Entry, the crowds shouted, " \_\_\_\_\_, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
2. Jesus stayed in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ during his stay in Jerusalem.
3. Jesus drew a parallel between the fig tree and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus said that the temple had been turned into a den of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders asked Jesus by what \_\_\_\_\_ he was doing these things.

### **Personal Study:**

1. Read the other accounts of this event in Matthew 21:1-22, Luke 19:28-48 and John 12:12-19. What additional details did the other gospel writers include that Mark left out? Based on reading all four accounts, how would you describe the event of Jesus Driving Down the Court in your own words?
2. Take a look at Judges 6 and 7. Gideon was called upon by God to take a stand against the evil that was so common in his day. He wasn't so sure at first, but eventually he came around and stood up for God. What can we learn from this?
3. Memorize Mark 11:9b.

### **Next Time:**

What do you do when you have a big trip coming up? Do you make a list of what you will bring? Do you double-check your itinerary to make sure all of the travel and lodging arrangements are in place? Do you hurriedly pack at the last minute, or do you slowly pack over the span of a few days or a couple of weeks? Toward the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, he knew he had a big journey coming up. And he knew he had to prepare himself and others for that trip. But this was a trip like none other he had taken in his life. It was a trip to the cross. It

was a trip to open up grace and forgiveness to all who believe and obey. In fact, this trip was a journey that his disciples didn't see coming and didn't understand until later. Join us as we watch Jesus as he is *Preparing for Another Journey*.