

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 25 – w/c 24/4/22**

**Monday: Matthew 21:18-32.** The tree symbolized Israel and from a distance it appeared to be flourishing but on closer inspection there was no fruit - the qualities of justice, love and godliness marking God's people. Are you bearing fruit that makes you stand out for God?

**Tuesday: Matthew 21:33-46.** Who is the parable aimed at? (The answer is clear from v45.) Jesus' popularity saved him from being arrested at this time, but he was making powerful enemies. But rejecting Jesus will always bring God's judgement (see v41).

**Wednesday: Matthew 22:1-14.** This parable of the Kingdom illustrates that salvation is open to all (vv9-10) but in order to enter into relationship with God, people must be clothed with the garments the King provides – His righteousness and not our own is required (v11). Pray for those you know who try to be acceptable to God without receiving Christ.

**Thursday: Matthew 22:15-33.** Jesus, in his answer to their question, declares, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's". Is there a right balance in your financial giving to the things of the world and to what is rightfully God's?

**Friday: Matthew 22:34-46.** When Jesus answered people's questions he always got to the heart of the matter. What questions do you have that you need him to answer today? Ask, and be ready for a clear concise response!

**Weekend: Matthew 23:1-22.** What do you think Jesus thinks about hypocrisy (people who do not practice what they preach – v3)? Ask God to help you in any areas of your life where you are prone to believe something, but do not actually live it out?