

The Justice and Gentleness of God

Matthew 21:1-19

Sermon Discussion Questions

April 2, 2023

1. Have you thought of God being only gentle or only just? Do you hold these in balance or have you let one overtake the other? How can finding out He is both at the same time change your outlook on your life experiences?
2. Have you ever considered Jesus flipping tables in the temple as being gentle? How can this view deepen your understanding of how we think about anger? Is this how you see Christians opposing wrong things they see in the world?
3. How do you usually display anger and a desire for justice? Jesus manages to communicate his message to the money changers without inciting fear in the lame, blind, or the children. Do you know of anyone else who is capable of this? In what ways do you need to re-shape how you display anger to those around you?
4. If you are a Christian, do you think your actions have led others to believe that Jesus is both just and gentle? If you are not yet a Christian, have the actions of Christians led you to an understanding that Jesus is both just and gentle?
5. Are you prepared for Jesus to come in judgment on the last day? If Jesus returned right now, what would you be frightened to be judged on? Do you know of people around you who are not prepared for his coming? Who do you need to gently remind or inform about the coming justice of Jesus?
6. Why should we feel safe to bring our sin to Jesus in repentance based on this sermon?
7. How does a proper understanding of Jesus' justice and gentleness affect you today?