

Matthew 21:1-22 • Three Signs For Israel

1. (v.1-11) The ultimate work of Christ as His **Second** Coming cannot be realized until we first accept His work on the cross at His **First** Coming.
2. (v.12-16) Judgment always begins first with **God's House**. The first and primary issue is always the removal of **sin** and **false teaching**.
3. (v.17-22) Christ can never be accepted on purely **religious** terms but by entering into a **personal** relationship with Him.

Overall: The true character of Israel was revealed at Christ's First Coming...

- Their **blindness** was revealed at the Triumphal Entry in their rejection of Christ as the Suffering Servant.
- Their inward **corruption** was revealed by the cleansing of the Temple.
- Their outward **fruitlessness** was revealed by the cursing of the fig tree

This is actually what reveals false believers during every age regardless of whether they are ethnically Jew or Gentile.