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1. Trace out the movements in chapters 21-22. Use the following table to record your observations:

Incident/Teaching	Characters Involved	Conflicts and/or Tensions	What Did I Learn?
21:1-11, King Arrives	Jesus, Disciples, owner of the animals, the crowd	Tension in the question of who Jesus REALLY is?	When the crowds say Jesus is a prophet, they are missing it! I hadn't noticed that before.
21:11-17, Jesus Cleanses the Temple	Jesus, Money changers, blind & lame people, chief priests, scribes	Religious authorities vs Jesus Money Changers vs Jesus	I had never seen the money changers as a hindrance, I saw them as thieves. I didn't know they would block people from coming in. I literally thought they changed money like the people at the airport do. Also the video taught me about stopping the parade of sacrificial animals for a moment to show that something new is on the way
21:18-22, Jesus Curses the Fig Tree	Jesus, Disciples, the tree	(totally baffled here) Jesus vs the tree?	This morning, coincidentally, I learned that fig trees & sycamore trees are the same. Also it was presented that Adam & Eve covered themselves with fig leaves so figs have been around a long time, even before we put them into cookies!! (Joseph Prince Ministries)
21:23-27, Question of Authority	Chief Priests, Elders, Jesus	Where does Jesus' authority come from? Conflict between Jesus and the religious rulers.	Jesus won't, or cannot (not sure which) work with those who are not willing to work with Him (as opposed to those who work against Him)
21:28-32, Parable of the 2 Sons	Jesus, chief priests	Continued tension between the "law" (religious leaders' version of it) and the coming Kingdom	We have to let go of the old ways if they keep us from the way of righteousness.
21:33-46, Parable of the Wicked Tenants	Jesus, chief priests	Exactly who does the kingdom belong to? (said snarkily)	Another parable about how open the kingdom will be (good thing for me) which must have been hard for people who had pursued the kingdom in a totally different way to hear.
22:1-14, Parable of the Wedding Guests	Jesus, chief priests	Tension: who is coming to the wedding?	The garment was provided for the guests. To show up without it was an insult to the host. (the

			video was cool)
22:15-22, Paying Taxes	Jesus, Pharisees' Herodian disciples	Who gets the money? Or basically who's the highest power?	The Pharisees' disciples "marveled" (NKJV) which must've made for some interesting conversations afterwards.
22:23-34, Bodily Resurrection	Jesus, Sadducees	Sadducees were trying to make Jesus look ridiculous, thus discrediting Him.	I loved the I AM statements. It just goes all the way back to the OT when God said His name was "I AM". God is God of the living, all who live in Him will live forever.
22:35-40, The Greatest Commandment	Jesus, Pharisaic Scribes (interesting concept),	What is the greatest commandment? What/Who should be held in highest esteem? What do we measure people's behavior by?	I didn't know there was such a thing as a Pharisaic scribe. (all kidding aside, I felt like I kind of knew this one already.
22:41-46, Whose Son Is the Christ?	Jesus, Pharisees	Who's son is the Christ? Challenging when the Christ is standing right in front of you!!!	I think Jesus would have responded to any answer they gave to make the same point. You missed it guys! Not only don't you get it, but you keep others from getting it also.
23:1-36, Jesus Accuses the Religious Leaders	Jesus, Pharisees	Hypocrisy of religious leaders and the judgment is the tension	It is BAD to stand between Jesus and God.
23:37-39, Jesus' Lament over Jerusalem	Jesus, Jerusalem (representing the Jews)	Tension: sorrow/despair over the wrongs of not accepting the prophets and from moving away from God in their history.	Even in the "badness" there is hope & promise for those who turn toward Jesus.
Summarize in one or two sentences what you noticed about the movement of Matthew across the stories (for example, did the stories build on one another? In what way? Does the tone seem to get more intense? Why? Etc.): It seemed like the Pharisees went to lunch in the middle of the chapter when Jesus spoke with and taught other people. Just kidding!!!!!! Also after the first part, where were the disciples?????? Jesus starts with the people as he enters the city, and Matthew then ends the chapter with Jesus lamenting over the very city whose people had welcomed Him that morning. The tone gets more intense and Jesus ends with the Pharisees who I believe had the most power of any of the other people in the chapter. They were keeping people from the kingdom and Jesus was giving them yet another chance to fix that.....			

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Level 1 b.

So I am kind of stuck in the fig tree story. I have had trouble with this teaching for many years. It has led to a lot of self-condemnation because it pretty clearly states that if you believe something can be done then it will be. So in my mind if it's not done, then it's logical to think that I don't believe enough. Having spent several years overcoming that mindset, I found myself in this story AGAIN but thankfully for a different reason.

So what was Jesus hungry for when He cursed the tree? Because there were so many times that Jesus didn't need food because He was sustained by people drawing from him, like the woman at the well. The disciples left to get food and when they came back Jesus said He didn't need it, He had been filled with different bread/water.

So was Jesus hungry because the people in this situation were not drawing from Him rather they were opposing Him?

Or was He just hungry? Because the response of cursing the tree seems so unlike Jesus. It seems odd that He would curse the tree just because He was hungry and it didn't have any fruit. It seems odd enough that I'm pretty sure that there's something else going on here, but I don't know what.

So this is a pretty short answer, but I've been thinking about it all day ☺

I am so sorry. Somehow I managed to do all these assignments BEFORE I watched the power points. I am sorry. I just didn't have it in me to re do everything in light of the new information.