

Have a look at Matthew 23:37-24:2. Based on this passage, what do you think Jesus thinks of Jerusalem? What do you think he would say about our city?

City of Heaven or City from Hell?

# Jesus and Jerusalem



*Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple*, Benjamin West, 1811.

To begin with, you might like to have a look at a few early mentions of Jerusalem in Matthew's gospel:

**Visit of the magi (2:1-16)**

**John baptising in the wilderness (3:1-6)**

**Temptation (4:5-6)**

**Pharisees and scribes visit Jesus (15:1-20)**

**Jesus predicts his death (16:21, 20:17-19)**

What kind of relationship does Jesus have with Jerusalem in these passages? What impression do you get of Jerusalem?

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**174 Collins Street, Melbourne**

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In Matthew's gospel it is around the city of Jerusalem that the story comes to a head. Have a read of Matthew 21:1-22. What do you notice about the events that take place here? What would this story look like if it was taking place around our city?

This story is told in a way that draws on a number of traditions from the Hebrew Bible. Have a look at some of these passages. How are the events of 21:1-22 similar? How do they differ? Do they relate to our city in any way?

**Psalm 118:25-26**

**Isaiah 56:7**

**Jeremiah 7:11**

**Isaiah 62:11**

**Zechariah 9:9**

**Zechariah 14:20-21**

**2 Samuel 5:6-8**