

Nothing but LEAVES

Christ's JUDGMENT on EMPTY religion, Mark 11:12-21

Introduction

12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.

15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves; 16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. 17 And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN." 18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

19 When evening came, they would go out of the city. 20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.

On **Saturday** =

On **Sunday** =

On **Monday** = 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany ...

On **Tuesday** =

#1 C _____ the T _____ ;

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Matthew 21:19 *Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you*

Luke 13:6-9 *A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. 7 ... he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' 8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; 9 and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'*"

#1 **Cursing the TREE**; Christ's judgment on false religion by **ANALOGY** 12-14

#2 **C** _____ **the T** _____
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John 2:17 *Zeal for your house will consume me*

Isaiah 56:7 *Even those I will bring to My holy mountain. And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.*"

Jeremiah 7:11 *Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares the Lord.*

TAKE HOME

1 = Beware of focusing only on external _____

2 = Remember the LAMB is also a _____

Revelation 6:16 *the wrath of the Lamb*

3 = _____ **should cause you to live differently in this life**

Leviticus 19:2 *You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy*

4 = Don't merely attend Church, _____ **with Christ**

Isaiah 56:7 *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?*

Worship is: *"to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God."*

5 = Christ is coming again, are you ready to meet your _____ **?**

2 Timothy 4:1 *I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:*

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