



“Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.” Mark 11:11

1. What do you think was going through Jesus’ mind? What do you think He saw?

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“On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 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. He said to it, ‘May no one ever eat fruit from you again!’ And His disciples were listening.” Mark 11:12-14

2. What has looked great from a distant, but when you got closer to it you realized there was no fruit? A job? A relationship? A house? A car? An opportunity?

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3. What kind of tree would you be and why? Think about the kind of fruit you would produce.

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4. We are called trees in Psalm 1:2. The fruit we produce can be the fruit of our lips, the fruit of our actions, and the fruit of the Spirit. We are all created differently. What specific fruit did God give you to produce on this earth to be a witness for Him?

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“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 money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. 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.” Mark 11:15-17

5. What is your life can you use as a teaching opportunity to lead someone to the teachings of Jesus?

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6. What three ways did Jesus use his “clipping shears” to clear out the temple. In what ways can He use this same method to clean out, turn over, prune, and reveal the short cuts in your life?

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7. Why do you think Jesus was so passionate to cleanse the temple?

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1 Corinthians 3:16 "Don't you know that YOU yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? For God's temple is sacred and you are that temple."

2 Corinthians 6:16 "For we are the temple of the living God. And God has said, 'I will live with them and walk among them and I will be their God and they will be my PEOPLE.'"

8. What are we called when we believe in Jesus Christ? How is this significant in your life?

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"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.

When evening came, they would go out of the city.

As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions." Mark 11:18-26

9. As God's temple, where His presence lives, how can we be more a house of prayer and worship?

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10. Bethphage means "house of figs and Bethany means "house of dates." How can we seek out fruitful fellowship in our lives? Why is this so important?

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