

# The Fruitless Fig Tree & The Lord Of The Nations

## Mark 11:11-25

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- Last Week: Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead? 1 Corinthians 15:14
- A Week With Jesus (Mark 11-16)— Sunday-Monday-Tuesday

### Why The Fruitless Fig Tree?

1. The Fruitless Fig Tree & The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Fig Trees In Israel (**Mark 11:12-14**)
  - Two \_\_\_\_\_ For Figs (**Isaiah 28:4**, "like a first-ripe fig before the summer" **Joel 2:22**, "the fig tree... give their full yield")
2. The Fruitless Fig Tree & The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Jesus Christ
  - There Are \_\_\_\_\_ Desires & \_\_\_\_\_ Desires (**Mark 11:12, 11:17**)
  - Mysterious Union Of The \_\_\_\_\_ & The \_\_\_\_\_ In Jesus Christ (**Mark 11:12, 14, 10:45**)
  - We Must Ask, "What \_\_\_\_\_ Does This Serve?"
3. The Fruitless Fig Tree Is A Substantial \_\_\_\_\_
  - Notice The Fig Tree \_\_\_\_\_: Fig Tree (**Mark 11:12-14**) - Temple (**Mark 11:15-19**)- Fig Tree (**Mark 11:20-25**) — The Fig Tree Story Brackets & Interprets The Temple Story
  - The Fruitless Fig Tree Was A \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Fruitless Temple (**Hosea 9:10, Jere. 24:5-8, Mark 13:28-31**)
  - Fruitlessness \_\_\_\_\_ May Result In Fruitlessness Forever (**Mark 11:14**)
  - Like Jesus' Resurrection, The Disciples Were \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 11:14**)

### JESUS IS THE LORD OF CREATION

### What Jesus Does In The Temple?

1. Jesus Sees The \_\_\_\_\_ For What It Is & Knows What It Should Be (**Mark 11:11,15**)
2. Jesus Is Rightly Angered By The Fact That They Were Doing \_\_\_\_\_ But Not God's Business
3. Jesus Did Not Cleanse The Temple He \_\_\_\_\_ The Temple Down (**Mark 11:16**)
4. Jesus Will Carry On The Deeds Of The \_\_\_\_\_ IN Himself - Including The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Sin (**Mark 11:16, Hebrews 7:25-27**)
5. Jesus Claims The Temple As MY \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 11:17, Isaiah 56:7**)

6. Jesus Teaches That My House Is Called To Be A House Of \_\_\_\_\_ For All The Nations!  
(**Mark 11:17, Isaiah 56:7**)

## **JESUS IS THE LORD OF THE TEMPLE**

### **What We Must Learn From It?**

1. Beware Of Being \_\_\_\_\_ Strict But Not Truly Loving
2. Beware Of Doing Business But Not \_\_\_\_\_ Business
3. Be Fruitful: The Fruit Of The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ The Fruit Of Transformed Lives (**Mark 11:17**)
4. Be A Place & A Person Of \_\_\_\_\_ - (**Mark 11:17, 24**)
5. Have Faith In God & Beware Of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 11:22-24**)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Self-Confidence In Something Less Than God
6. Be Forgiving: The Fruit Of Fellowship With God Leads To A \_\_\_\_\_ Lifestyle (**Mark 11:25**)

## **JESUS IS THE LORD OF THE NATIONS**

### **Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What reasons can you see that Jesus had for cursing the fig tree? Why does this miracle trouble some people and what is Jesus trying to teach us?
2. What did Jesus observe at the temple? Why was it so troubling to him?
3. How does the story of the fig tree relate with Jesus' actions in the temple?
4. In the Bible, God's people are compared to trees. If you were a tree what would help you produce more fruit in this next season? Pruning? Watering? Transplanting? Fertilizing? Why?
5. We are called to reach the nations. How can we help our church to be a place for the nations to come and pray? How can we be effective in reaching the lost?

**Suggested Reading:** *Let the Nations be Glad- The Supremacy of God in Missions*, John Piper

**Key Words For Kids To Count:** Fig, Fig Tree