

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN *in the* WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

(JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson TWELVE...The Final Week Begins (Mark 11:1-33)

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INTRO

The TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

- *"Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,'*

- *..."and immediately he will send it here." So they went...*

Hebrews 12. *"By faith so and so obeyed God"...*BY FAITH IN WHAT?

- *...they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded...*

Mark 11:7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! *'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'*" ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

- *Hosanna!* (Lit. Save us, we pray!)

Luke 19:39-40 (NLT)³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"⁴⁰ He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

(See Matt. 21:4-5)

Psalms 118:22-28 (NLT)²² The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.²³ This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.²⁵ Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success.²⁶ Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.²⁷ The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB Strong's (Lockman)) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Dan 9:25-26 (NLT) ²⁵ Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven (49 lunar years of 360 days) plus sixty-two sets of seven (434 lunar years of 360 days) will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem (445 BC Artaxerxes ordered Jerusalem to be rebuilt) until a ruler—the Anointed One (lit. Messiah the Prince) —comes (Prophetic scholars agree that this coincides with the time of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as Messiah the prince. 32 AD). ...²⁶ "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven (434 lunar years of 360 days), the Anointed One will be killed, (After Jesus is presented to Jerusalem as the promised King, he will be killed) appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple (70 AD Rome destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple). The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end.

JESUS EXAMINES the TEMPLE

Mark 11:11 **And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.**

The FIG TREE

Mark 11:12 **Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³ And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.**

- *Nothing but leaves...*

- *It was not the season for fruit...*

Genesis 3:7 (NASB Strong's (Lockman)) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Hosea 9:10a (NASB Strong's (Lockman)) I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your forefathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree in its first season.

Luke 13:6-9 (NASB Strong's (Lockman)) And He began telling this parable: "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. And 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?' And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"

- **Back to what Jesus said to the fig tree...**

The FINAL CLEANSING of the TEMPLE

Mark 11:15 **So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹⁶ And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷ Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, *'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'*? But you have made it a *'den of thieves.'* "**

- **Isaiah 56:7^e (NLT)**...my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Jer 7:11 (NLT)¹¹ Don't you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a den of thieves? Surely I see all the evil going on there. I, the Lord, have spoken!



Mark 11:18 **And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.**

The WITHERED FIG TREE

Mark 11:19 **When evening had come, He went out of the city. ²⁰ Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." ²² So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.**

PRINCIPLES of PRAYING with CONFIDENCE

Mark 11:23 **For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**

James 1:5-8 (NKJV)⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

- **"Say to this mountain..."**

Psalms 19:14 (NLT)¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Josh 1:8 (NKJV)⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Ephesians 6:17b (NKJV) And take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the *word of God. (**GK Rhema...spoken word*)

Mark 11:24 **Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.**

- **Prayer...**

Illustration...George's Christmas Present *Mrs. Rounds (From Streams in the Desert ~ February 18)*

Mark 11:25 **"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."**

- **"...if you have anything against anyone, forgive him,..."**

- **But if you do not forgive...**

Matt 6:12 (NLT)¹² and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

I don't know if you ever thought about it, but do we really want God to forgive us as we forgive others?

1 Peter 3:7-12 (NLT)⁷ In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. ⁸ Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹ Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. ¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. ¹² The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

- **Your Father...your father...**

The RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFRONT JESUS

Mark 11:27 **Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. ²⁸ And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?"**

- **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**

Mark 11:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: ³⁰ The baptism of John--was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me." ³¹ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ³² But if we say, 'From men' "--they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. ³³ So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

IN CLOSING

This week's lesson is packed with opportunities to ask ourselves tough questions and to draw near to our Lord and Savior.

OBEDIENCE...Obedience to God is impossible if you do not trust Him and you can't trust Him if you do not know Him. As children we should look for promises that encourage trusting obedience.

HYPOCRISY...Perhaps we are convicted of times when we pretend to be walking with God as an obedient child when we are really barely making it through the day. **Hypocrisy is not just a sin of religious unbelievers. Even believers can fall into the temptation of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. Staying in fellowship with God, which means to spend time with him in His word and letting his words speak to our hearts in ways that bring repentance and transformation to us, is the only cure for hypocrisy.**

EFFECTUAL PRAYER...Has a long forgotten grudge you've been harboring shriveled up your prayer life? Perhaps you have been convicted that your prayer life is shallow and ineffectual. Maybe your prayer life resembles a child reciting a Christmas wish list more than a confident child that knows that his loving Father hears him and will answer him.

OUR WORDS... Maybe you have realized that your words, both spoken and thought, have been contradicting your faith that God will answer your request in a way that is best for you and brings peace and joy? Perhaps you have been contradicting who God says you are and what you have in Christ and have been experiencing a weak prayer life and walk? Learning to speak in agreement with God's Word despite how we feel or what things look like or what our past experience of failure has been is the fight of faith we have been called to wage. Ask the Lord to teach you how to use the Sword of the Spirit to reverse the status quo.

OUR DAY to DAY FAITH... Maybe you have realized your day to day faith is not what it should be. (None of us have arrived.) That is remedied by spending time just fellowshiping with God in His Word. The more you know Him the more you will trust Him. The more you trust Him the more you will want His will for your life. The more you know His will for your life the more confident you will be in the prayer request you ask. And the more you pray with confidence, the more you will enjoy receiving the answers and seeing God glorified in your life!

NEXT WEEK: Lesson THIRTEEN...Jesus Confronts the Religious Leaders (Mark 12:1-44)