

Sermon Outline

New Here?



TEXT to connect (269-280-2878): Text “welcome” if you are new, or “prayer” if you would like prayer.

June 23, 2024

“True Faith”
Pastor Corey Kugle

Mark 11:12-25

Introduction

1. A Fruitless Tree (vv. 12-14)

- A. A “miracle of destruction”

- B. All leaves and no fruit

- C. A symbol of judgment coming upon Jerusalem and the Temple

2. A Fruitless Temple (vv. 15-19)

- A. Jesus acts strongly in the Temple (vv.15-16)
 - i. The real problem was the *location* of the transactions
- B. The Temple was meant to be a holy place for Jews *and* Gentiles (v. 17; Is. 56:7; 2:3; Jer. 7:11)

Do we discourage, hinder, or withhold the gospel from certain people?

- C. The religious leaders seek to kill Jesus (v. 18)

- D. Jesus and the disciples leave Jerusalem (v. 19)

3. **A Withered Fruitless Tree** (vv. 20-21)

- A. A symbol of the coming judgment on the Temple (Mk. 13:2)

- B. The Old Covenant sacrificial system is destroyed, Jesus is the once for all sacrifice (Mk. 10:45; Heb. 7:27; 10:10)

4. **Spiritual Lessons from the Fruitless Tree** (vv. 22-25)

- A. God is the object of faith (v. 22)
 - i. Trust Him in impossible situations (v. 23; Jam. 1:6)

- B. Prayer expresses faith in God (v. 24)
 - i. Believe that God can do what we ask for, yet also pray according to His will (Mk. 14:36)

- C. Forgiving others is required for our prayers to be effective (v. 25)

*** God desires His people to bear spiritual fruit, and judges religious hypocrisy ***

Do we look good spiritually on the outside, but have hearts that are far from Him?

Are we “all leaves and no fruit?”

Stay connected to the Vine, to Jesus, to bear spiritual fruit (Jn. 15:4-5)

What's Next?

- June 30, “*Questioning Jesus*” – Mark 11:27-33, Pastor Luke Young
- July 7, “*God Sent His Son*” – Mark 12:1-12, Pastor Corey Kugle