

“The Jesus You Need To Know”

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Mark 11.12-24

Jesus and the Fig Tree (Mark 11.12-14, 20-21)

What does this passage teach us about Jesus? Is He just being a diva?

- Fig trees and early fruit. (Hosea 9.10)
- When Jesus found “nothing but leaves” He knew the tree would _____.
- Jesus is acting prophetically, going over the top in order to _____.

“To the hard of hearing you shout, and for the blind you draw large and startling figures.” –Flannery O’Connor

Jesus’ point:

- If you _____ but don’t produce fruit
....watch out!

Jesus in the Temple (Mark 11.15-17)

What does this passage teach us about Jesus? What is Jesus so upset about?

- He’s angry because all of the activity in the Court of the Gentiles is actually _____.

Jesus’ point:

- He wants the people of Israel to see that looking healthy isn’t enough if they aren’t _____ that God wants them to produce.

The bottom line:

- The fig tree and the action in the Temple are two versions of _____.

This is the Jesus you need to know:

He isn’t afraid to _____, to _____
_____, to urge them to remember

_____.

What question would He ask us today?

Do we have all the signs of health and growth but not the fruit?

100,000 Reasons: What are we asking you to do?

_____. _____.

(Mark 11.22-24)

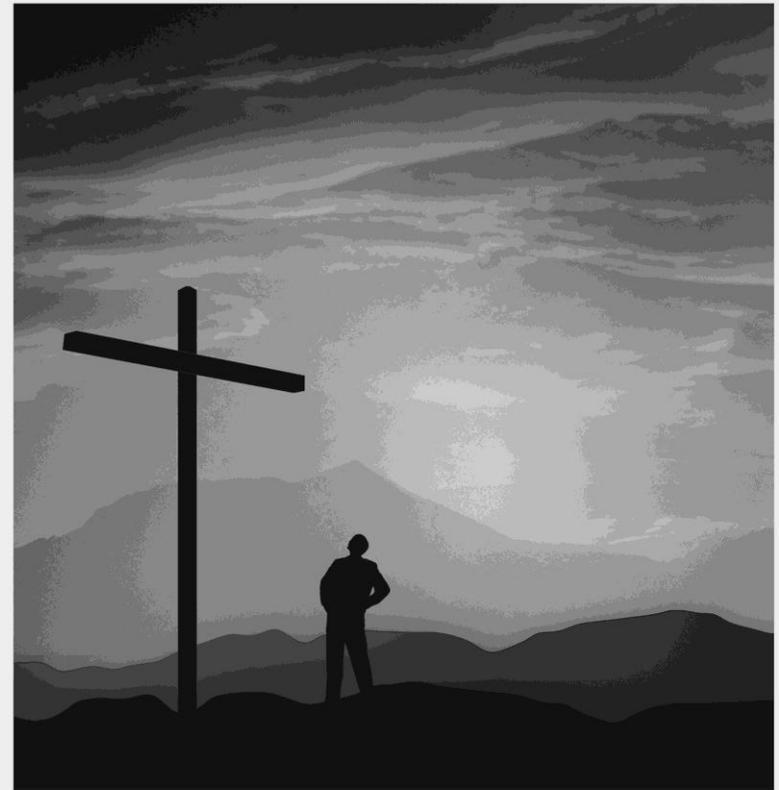
Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- What kind of fruit do you feel God is calling you to produce in your life? Are there some kinds of fruit where you feel you're doing well and others where you are missing the mark? What can you do to address that, and how can we help?
- Both this week and last Mike and Joe laid out the opportunities that we have as a church. We have 100,000 reasons to reach out to those around us. The challenge was to pray, act, and believe. Where are you in that process?
- Read the passages that Jesus drew his Old Testament quotations from, Jeremiah 7.1-15 and Isaiah 56.1-8. What do these two passages say? How does knowing the original context of these quotes help you understand what Jesus was doing in the Temple? How does it help you understand the way the chief priests and religious leaders responded?
- Jesus makes some dramatic claims about the power of prayer in Mark 11.22-24. Have you experienced those to be true? Do you feel like your prayer life reflects those? Why or why not?
- Why do you think God had you here today? How did you encounter Him this morning—through the music, the sermon, the people, and the conversations you had today? What do you need to do as a result of how you experienced Him today?

Next step: Here is something you can do this week to dig deeper:

- Head to Redeemer's website this week to find out more about the number 100,000—where it comes from, who it represents, and how you can get involved. Information will be up on Monday.



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