





MARK 11:11-14, 19-21

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. The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

3. title2



Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

4. title2



When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

5. title2



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JESUS CURSES FIG TREE



7. sermon-image-04



JESUS CURSES FIG TREE



JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE



JESUS CURSES FIG TREE

8. sermon-image-05



9. sermon-image-07



JEREMIAH 8:13

I will take away their harvest, declares the Lord. There will be no grapes on the vine.

There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them.

10. title2



MICAH 7:1-2

What misery is mine! I am like one who gathers summer fruit at the gleaning of the vineyard; there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave.

The faithful have been swept from the land; not one upright person remains. Everyone lies in wait to shed blood; they hunt each other with nets.

11. title2



What Jesus is doing in the Temple is cognate with what he is doing to the fig tree. He has come seeking fruit, and, finding none, he is announcing the Temple's doom. The fig tree action is therefore an acted parable of an acted parable.

~ N.T. Wright

12. title2



Axioms in philosophy are not axioms until they have proved upon our pulses...

~ John Keats

13. title2



MATTHEW 21:43

The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation *bearing the fruits* of it.

14. title2



GENESIS 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

15. title2



16. sermon-image-06



- The Danger of Having Leaves without Having Fruit

17. title2



- The Danger of Having Leaves without Having Fruit
- Cursing the Curse

18. title2