Mark 11:1-26

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Traditional outline

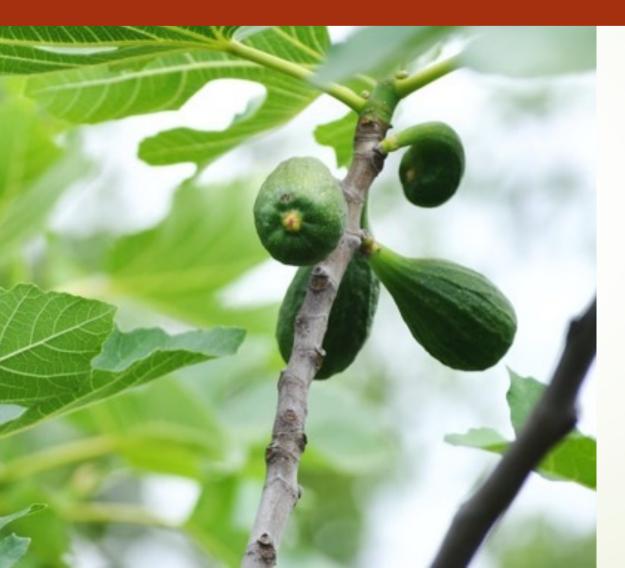
- The triumphant entry
- The cursing of the fig tree
- The cleansing of the temple
- The believer's assurance of power behind their prayer

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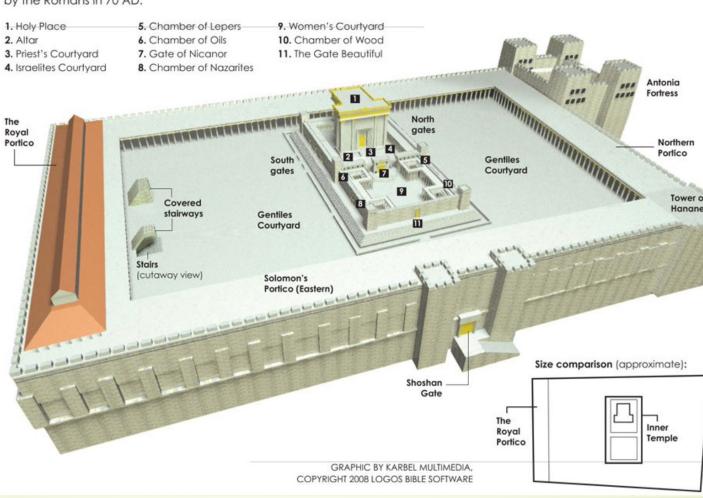
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Herod's Temple

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Second Temple approximately 20-19 BC The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.



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- He has the right to expect spiritual fruit
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- He has the right to govern how he answers our prayers

Applications/Implications

- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem confirms his rightful claim to be Messiah as testified by the people's praise and his fulfillment of prophecy
- God's purposes will never be thwarted he orchestrates every aspect of his divine will – and as such, his promise to redeem his people is also guaranteed
- God is not fooled by man's appearances or façade of good works. Judgment day will be swift and accurate. Those who have repented and trust in Christ's substitutionary righteousness will have true fruit unto heavenly rewards.

Applications/Implications

- The people of God are to ensure that the gospel is not hindered in its clarity and availability to all nations, races, and peoples. It is not to be cluttered with merchandising, trickery, extortion, self-interest, or prejudices.
- As our bodies are living temples of the Lord, our hearts are to remain pure and devoted to love and prayer
- The power behind a believer's privilege of prayer is not found in some faith in one's own abilities or being a believer, but rather in the Lord's power to accomplish his own purposes. We are just instruments in a personal relationship with him. And, as such, we are to reflect his own nature of forgiveness towards the lost as he does for his people in order that we can be an effective instrument of his sovereign will and grace.