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Judging A Fig Tree

- 50 Times in The Bible, 1 of 3 Trees in Eden
- Gen 3:7 Covering of Leaves, Skin of Animals

Context

- Arriving on Palm Sunday
- V11 Checking Out the Temple Scene

Mark 11:12-14

Judging a Green, Leafy Fig Tree

- Not a Vendetta, Not Unusual
- Spring Figs & New Leaves

A Visual Sermon of the Fruitless Spiritual Condition

- V14 If My Life Doesn't Satisfy Jesus, You Can't Help Others
- A Picture of Religious Israel Jer 24, Hos 9:10, Joel 1:6
- Covering Up but Withering at the Roots

Mark 11: 15-18

Jesus in Herod's Temple

The Passover Feast Became a Religious Circus

- Lambs and Doves, Tithes and Taxes, and Shortcuts
- The Sound in the Court of the Gentiles

Jesus “The 1 Man Wrecking Crew”

- A Den of Thieves
- Motivated by Love Lk 19:41-44

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- An Empty System that Ripped Off Sincere Worshippers

Three Temples in The Bible

1. **The Historical Temple** & the Jewish People
2. **The Church is a Temple** 1 Tim 3:15, 1 Pet 2:5
 - Rev 2-3 Jesus Examines His Church
3. **Every Believer is a Temple** 1 Cor 6:9
 - Cleaning our Temple

Mark 11: 19-21

A Zapped Fig Tree is a Visual Sermon

- Teaching the Disciples at Crunch Time

A Picture of the Withered Tree of Israel

- Withered and Scattered in 70 Ad
- Rom 9-11 God’s Plan Does Not Replace Israel
- 1948 the Tree Is Green Again

Mark 11:22-26

Have Faith in God the Father

- V23 Daily, Consistent, Rooted in a Relationship
- Naturally Produced by Good Roots, Branches and Sap

#1 A Daily, Relational Faith is a Conquering Faith

- Removes Mountain Sized Obstacles Zec 4:6
- Prayer and Faith’s Highest Goal is God’s Will, Not Ours
- Psa 37:4 Our Delight and His Desires in Me Rom 10:17

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#2 A Daily, Relational Faith is a Forgiving Faith

- Saving Faith Forgives and Conquers Our Biggest Mountains
- Condition For Salvation or Result ?

A Daily, Relational Faith.....

- Overcomes, Melts, and Loosens
- Forgive and Forget? A Choice of the _____.

“Extending the Hand and Receiving the Miracle”