

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: September 23, 2018
Mark 11:12-26

1. What happened in the first part of this chapter, the day before the beginning of this text? _____
2. What does verse 12 tell us about Jesus? _____

3. Do we believe that Jesus was human and able to feel hunger? _____

4. Where was the fig tree that Jesus saw in verse 13? _____

5. What did he do, when he saw the fig tree in leaf, according to verses 13-14?
 - a. He went to find out if it had any fruit.
 - b. He found that it had nothing it leaves.
 - c. He cursed the tree.
6. Why did the fig tree have no fruit?
 - a. It was a bad fig tree.
 - b. It was not the season for figs.
7. Why, then, would Jesus curse the fig tree?
 - a. Umm...I don't know.
 - b. Perhaps he was hangry...
 - c. He was unfair and unjust.
 - d. Jesus expects fruit! We are the ones that tend to come up with good reasons why there shouldn't be any (See also 2 Timothy 4:2).
 - e. Well, in the book of Matthew (Ch 21:18-22), this story is used to kick off a series of stories and parables about how we will be held accountable for our life (Fruit). Perhaps this is a memorable example of such accountability for the disciples (See Parable of the Two Sons – Matt 21:28-32, Parable of the Tenants – Matt 21:33-46, Parable of the Wedding Banquet – Mat 22:1-14, and more...).
8. What did Jesus do when he arrived in Jerusalem that day, according to verses 15-17?
 - a. He began driving out those who were buying and selling there.
 - b. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.
 - c. He would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.
 - d. He taught them, saying, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"
9. Read Jeremiah 7:9-11. What is the prophet referring to when he says this?
 - a. Buying and selling.
 - b. Stealing from people.
 - c. Worshiping other gods and generally do the opposite of what God says, then coming to worship and acting as if you are right before the Lord.
10. Why were the disciples surprised in verses 20-21? _____
What does Jesus say in response to their surprise? _____
Do you believe that God can do what you ask him? _____