

Purge the Temple!
Mark 11:12-19
Lesson #44
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I. Jesus dealt with a fruitless fig tree.

****Mark 11:12** *"The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry."*

****Mark 11:13** *"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."*

****Mark 11:14** *"Then he said to the tree, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard him say it."*

II. Jesus judged the fraudulent merchants in the Temple.

A. Jesus expelled those who did business in the Gentile court.

****Mark 11:15a** *"On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there."*

B. Jesus exerted force by flipping their tables and benches.

****Mark 11:15b** *"... He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves."*

John 2:15 *"He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables."*

Psalms 69:9a *"For zeal for your house consumed me"*

C. Jesus enforced the ban on merchandise in the temple area.

****Mark 11:16** *"And would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts."*

D. Jesus established the purpose of the temple.

****Mark 11:17** “And as he taught them, He said, “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.’”

Jeremiah 7:1 “Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! Declares the LORD.”

III. Jesus had enemies who feared Him.

****Mark 11:18** “The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.”

****Mark 11:19** “When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We cannot hide anything from God.

Genesis 6:5 “The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.”

2 Samuel 12:7 “Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.”

B. We will be held accountable before God.

I Corinthians 6:19a “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”

Hebrews 11:10 “Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.”

C. We should live holy lives for God.

I Corinthians 6:19b “... You are not your own. ^[20] “You were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.”

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”