

Matthew 21:18-22
"Jesus Gives Command to
* Fig Tree"

Deaf Church
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1. Introduction

a. Giving Sunday 6PM

- 2 Cor chap 8-9

b. Plant 2 Fig tree?

- Jesus sees fig tree on Mon
morning after Palm Sunday

- Jesus is returning back to
Jerusalem

- fig tree grew next to road
from Bethany to Jerusalem

- figs ripen in summer-fall,
depending on climate zone

c. Jesus came to Jerusalem during
Passover week (Mar-April)

- Passover always in spring each
year

- fig trees deciduous tree (lose
leaves every winter)

* buds for leaves, flowers, &
fruit comes out each spring

2. Son of Man Hungry

a. Jesus hungry for food like any
human each morning

b. Jesus sees fig tree next to
road on His way to Jerusalem
from Bethany

c. He wants some figs to eat

- He found only leaves & no
figs

d. Jesus spoke directly to fig tree

- "Let no fruit grow on you ever
again"

- Fig tree ~~immediately~~ withers &
dies overnight (MK 11:20-21)

* fig tree no longer alive

3. Disciples Marvel at Dead Fig Tree

a. "How quickly is the fig tree
withered away."

- trees normally take weeks
& months to die

- 3b. Abnormal death to fig tree
- Jesus healed people & raised people from the dead (Lazarus Jn 11)
 - Jesus called Himself
 - * "I am the resurrection & the life (Jn 11:25-26)
 - * "I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life"
 - Jesus gives life, He is the life giver & Creator (Col 1:16-17)
 - Jesus took away the life of the tree
- c. Jesus turns fig tree into object lesson

- parallel account: (Mk 11:12-14)
- also see Mk 11:20-26

4. Jesus Teaches About Faith & Prayer

- a. Each one can have faith without doubting

- you can also speak to fig ~~tree~~ tree in similar fashion
- you can speak to mountain to go into the sea

- b. Lesson on asking for something in prayer

- ask in prayer, believing to receive, and you will have (Mk 11:25)

- c. Warning to forgive others

- Mk 11:26
- Forgive others just as Christian heavenly Father forgives trespasses

- d. Asking for wisdom (Jms 1:5-6)

- God gives liberally & without scolding
- Ask in faith without doubting

- e. Every good & perfect gift is from above (Jms 1:17)

- gift(s) come down from Father of lights

- f. Pray for each other (Jms 5:16)

- effective fervent prayer of righteous person avails much