

# MARKED BY JESUS

## 20. “Season for Figs”

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### Sermon Notes

#### **The Resurrection Life IS ONE OF AUTHENTIC WORSHIP**

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. Revelation 3:14-16*

#### **I. Mark 11:1-11 - Entry**

**<sup>1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here... <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” <sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.**

#### **Our Worship should PUT ALL HOPE IN JESUS**

*He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. Zechariah 9:10b-12*

## **II. Mark 11:12-21 - Fig Tree**

<sup>12</sup> The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. <sup>15</sup> On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there...<sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup> 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.’”...<sup>19</sup> When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.<sup>20</sup> In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots...

### **Our Worship should GIVE LIFE AND PROVIDE SUSTENANCE**

*<sup>1-2</sup> So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Romans 12:1-2 MSG*

## **III. Mark 11:22-25 - Prayer**

<sup>22</sup> “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

### **Our Worship should FLOW FROM RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BASED ON PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS**

*<sup>4</sup> It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’”...<sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:4-7, 10*