

It Will Happen

Mark 11:12-25

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In the morning, Jesus and his disciples left Bethany for Jerusalem. Jesus was hungry. He saw a fig tree and went over to see if there were any figs; he found nothing but leaves. It wasn't the season for figs. Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!"

When Jesus reached Jerusalem, he went into the Temple and threw out all the people who were buying and selling things. He knocked over the tables of the money-changers and wrought all kinds of havoc. He said, "The scriptures say, 'My house is a house of prayer for the people of all nations', but you have turned it into a 'den of thieves.' "

The religious leaders feared the influence Jesus was having on the people, and they plotted to kill him.

In the evening, Jesus and his disciples went back to Bethany for the night.

The next morning as they left Bethany on their way to Jerusalem, they passed by the fig tree Jesus had spoken to the previous day. It was dead. Peter said, "Teacher, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, if you say to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea,' and if you have no doubt in your heart but you really believe it will happen, it will happen. I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you've received it, and it will be yours. And when you're praying, don't hold anything against anyone. Forgive others, so your Father in heaven will forgive you."