

THE GOSPEL OF
mark

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Mark 11:1-33

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In the temple and fig tree, Jesus is pronouncing God’s judgment on _____.

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Jeremiah 7:9-11

Affirming Authority (Mark 11:27-33)

*“**By what authority** are you doing these things?’ they asked.
‘And who gave you authority to do this?’”*
Mark 11:28

*“**You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.**”*
Mark 1:11

In his response to these religious leaders, Jesus is clarifying his _____ as God’s Son.

Who do you think he is?
And how does that impact your daily life?

Gospel of Mark: Who Do You Think You Are?

Questions based on May 26, 2024 sermon

Getting to Know Me

1. Who is someone in a position of authority in your life? Why do you think they come to mind?

Digging Deeper

2. What challenged, encouraged, inspired, or resonated with you from hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this Sunday?
3. Read Mark 11:1-8 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Now read Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1 and II Kings 9:6, 11-13 for background. What is the significance of the never-ridden-before colt, the people throwing their garments on the ground as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and Jesus going to the temple?
4. Read Mark 11:9-11 and Psalm 118:25-26. As you notice the people following Jesus and shouting "Hosanna," who did they think Jesus represented? What were they hoping to be saved from?
5. Read Mark 11:12-14 and verses 20-21. What is your initial reaction to Jesus cursing the fig tree? How did Sunday's sermon shed new light or understanding on this?
6. Throughout scripture, *fruit* is a metaphor for the transformation that a relationship with God produces. How fruitful and what kinds of spiritual fruit is your life producing right now?

7. Read Mark 11:15-19 and Jeremiah 7:1-15. How did Jesus respond to what was happening in the temple? What specific practices or sin was Jesus calling out here? Why do you think the chief priests and teachers of the law wanted to kill Jesus?

8. Read Mark 11:27-33. How does our desire for power and control distract us from God's authority in our own lives?

9. Look back at Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in Mark 1:9-11. Where did Jesus get his authority? How does this scene help you understand why Jesus pointed back to John the Baptist in his response to the religious leaders in Mark 11:29-30?

Making it Personal

10. Can you identify any "barren fig trees" or empty religion in your own life that needs to be addressed?
11. Who do you think Jesus is? Do your actions and attitudes reflect his authority over your life? What actions can you take to better reflect Jesus' authority in your life?
12. Meditate this week on Mark 11:1-12:12 and consider Jesus' ultimate authority over our world and your life.

Prayer

Holy Father, you alone know our hearts. Examine us, Lord, and remove any impurity. Help us to honor you with our lives and all that you have given to us. Restore the joy of our salvation and help us to continuously recognize you as the authority in our lives. Extend grace and mercy to us as we continue to learn more about you and your love for the church and each one of us. Amen.

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