

Holy Week 2020 Devotions

Day 2: "The Lesson of the Fig Tree"



Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

**"And seeing a fig tree from
afar having leaves...
He found nothing but leaves."**

- Jesus was hungry and sought food from what appeared to be a reliable source.
- What is your response when you have an expectation to receive something from a source that seems reliable and you discover it is not?

**"Let no one eat fruit
from you ever again."**

- Jesus had a strong aversion to things that are hypocritical in the natural and the spiritual.
- Are there things in your life that disqualify you from being a fruitful resource for the kingdom of God?

**"Rabbi look!
The fig tree that you cursed
has withered away"**

- Jesus' curse upon the tree prevented it from receiving water to carry on the charade of seeming to have fruit but only offering leaves.

**"...whatever things you ask in prayer,
believe that you receive them
and you shall have them."**

- Jesus demonstrated the power to control the life of a tree that was supposed to provide fruit but was not operating as it should have.

Reflection and Prayer

Jesus taught the disciples a powerful and practical lesson of what it means to operate and function in your calling and purpose. He called out the fig tree because it was not fulfilling its purpose but was deceptive in the way it looked, deceiving those that would look for fruit that it did not possess.

Are we giving off false signals to people that are seeking fruit from our lives that we do not have available?

We must consider that the Lord desires that we bring forth fruit.

Jesus gave a demonstration of faith declared over obstacles through the spoken word of a believing heart.

**"Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them."
The power is in your belief.**