

The Gospel of Mark
Session 23 – July 10th – Chapters 11 & 12

vv. 1-10 The Triumphal Entry

vv. 2-4 What has Jesus been teaching the disciples that they need?

How does this relate to their instructions before the triumphal entry?

v.2 See also Deut. 21:3 and 1 Sam. 6:7

This is both noteworthy and also a fulfillment of prophecy. Zech. 9:9

(The words of the people: Ps. 118:25-26).

Mark gives us some additional insights about these events.

v.11 is thematically a part of what follows.

vv. 11-14 Cursing of the Fig Tree

v. 13 First pigs, now trees. Is Jesus mean and ignorant? Or, is more going on?

(The answer to the issue of Jesus' expectation and the tree was already given [10:27] and will be given again [11:22]).

vv. 15-21 Cleansing the Temple

What comes before and after? (Chiasm/Inclusio)

Mark ties all these things together. *Don't compartmentalize scripture!*

vv. 22-26 Moving Mountains or Being Faithful & Fruitful?

What isn't happening, but can be done by faith in God? Is this about Mountains?

Or something else? [Context, context, context!!!] vv.17 & 25 (Accessibility.

Content. Does this relate to anything we've just heard from Jesus 3x in a row?)

vv. 27-33 Jesus' Authority

No (direct) answer.

Note here (as in today's Gospel reading from Lk. 10) the desire to self-justify.

12:1-12 Summing up Israel's Failures and Jesus' Authority

(An illustration from childhood?)

Who is he talking about? (Fig tree part two).

What question is he answering indirectly?