

Monday-Tuesday morning: Cursing and Cleansing

Matt. 21.12-22; Mk. 11.12-26; Lk. 19.45-46

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After spending the night in Bethany, Jesus and his disciples walked to Jerusalem each morning. Monday, Jesus cursed a fig tree without fruit; Tuesday, it was dead. In between, He chased business people out of the temple. What do these two episodes teach?

- Bethany to Jerusalem: Cursing the Fig Tree
Monday morning, Jesus curses a fig tree without fruit
Tuesday morning, fig tree is withered from the roots up
Jesus teaches disciples the power of believing prayer
- In Jerusalem: Jesus ‘Cleanses’ the Temple
Jesus surveyed the temple Sunday afternoon (Mk. 11.11)
Monday, He chases all the ‘businesses’ out of the temple
“My house shall be a house of prayer for all the nations”

Jesus Teaches About the Life of Faith

- Not religion, but prayer and faith, find favor with God
- Peace with God comes through Jesus, not pious works

