

Why Curse a Fig Tree?

Mark 11:20-24

(series #59)

Intro: the tragedy of wasted potential and opportunity

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A. The leaves indicated edible buds

B. The tree looked healthy but was fruitless

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A. It represented fruitless Israel

1. Joel 1:7; Hosea 9:10

2. Isaiah 5:1-7

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Conclusion: the fruit that comes from genuine faith
- Matthew 3:10