

10. Rather than seeing the triumphal entry as a fulfillment of Messianic prophecy, the leaders were what?
11. According to verse 15 how did the leaders respond to Jesus doing ministry in the temple and the boys proclaiming Him as the Son of David?
12. The leaders of Israel ended up fruitless and therefore, they were what?
13. The purpose of the temple **WASN'T** to do what?
14. Instead of being consumed with what He was about to face on the cross, Jesus did what?
15. As the result of His miracles of healing, children were calling out and proclaiming Him as whom?
16. The children, spoken of in verse 15, were probably how old?
17. What event was a monumental event in the life of every Jewish boy?
18. What is the first thing Jesus said in response to the objection?
19. When Jesus said, "Have you not read...?" he was basically asking them what?
20. How about you? Have you read the Scriptures?
21. Psalm 8:2 refers to whom?
22. Jesus claimed to be whom at this point?
23. Those who assert that Jesus never claimed to be God haven't done what?
24. By quoting this verse in defense of the young boys praising Him, He was claiming the right to what?
25. Jesus would go to what town to sleep at night?
26. What Jesus did in v.19 was no knee-jerk reaction; it was an intentional, deliberate, what?
27. Joel and Hosea both used what as imagery to symbolize Israel?
28. The nation of Israel had the look but they had no what?
29. This scene of the cursed fig tree was a shocking and potent illustration of what?
30. Where was this kind of assessment and indictment of Israel seen in Scripture before?
31. Jesus was illustrating the fact that because the people of Israel were fruitless, they could look forward only to what one thing?
32. Jesus wanted the disciples to remember this because it would serve as a graphic lesson to them about what?
33. The spiritual leaders had no real or genuine what?
34. Jesus NEVER did miracles for the sake of what?
35. Jesus was speaking with intentional exaggeration to let the disciples know that God wanted to do what?
36. Is verse 22 a "blanket statement on prayer"?
37. The words spoken in verse 22 were spoken to whom?

38. In these words Jesus is contrasting the emptiness of what with the power of what?

39. Jesus wanted His men to be marked by what two things:

- a. Power of genuine, authentic _____.
- b. Sincere _____ (as opposed to mechanical prayer that simply goes through the motions).

40. The main point of this entire passage is that those whose lives are fruitless are what?

41. The Lord looks for the kind of fruit that comes from a heart that has what?

42. Is that you?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Have you ever had a time or situation where people were trying to get you? What was the pressure like?

2) There is a famous statement that many church-goers have embraced: "God helps those who help themselves." Do you agree with this statement or not? Why or why not?

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FRUITLESS AND CURSED

Matthew 21:14-22

(Series #118)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Fruitless and Cursed**". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Many people have great privilege and potential or opportunity, yet they completely forfeit it by doing what?
2. The most tragic story of this happening happened when?
3. What group of people was the most privileged and had the most opportunity and potential then any other group of people ever?
4. The people with the most potential of all time ended up what?
5. The events that we are studying this morning took place in what part of our Lord's life?
6. How much of Matthew's gospel is devoted to the last week of our Lord's life?
7. How much of John's gospel is given to covering these events?
8. Matthew 21 opens with a description of what event?
9. What did Jesus do on the day after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem?

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