

Nothing But Leaves

Mark 11:12-14; 20-21

I. The Lord's _____ (11:12)

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1. Jesus experienced _____ – (Mark 11:12) (Psalm 50:12)
2. Jesus experienced _____ – (John 19:28) (Isaiah 40:12)
3. Jesus experienced _____ – (John 4:6; Mark 4:38) (Psalm 121:4)
4. Jesus experienced _____ – (Matthew 27:35; Isaiah 53:4-6) (Psalm 2:4)
5. Jesus experienced _____ – (John 1:11; John 7:3-5) (Genesis 1:26)
6. Jesus experienced _____ – (Matthew 26:56) (Hebrews 13:5)
7. Jesus experienced _____ – (Matthew 8:20) (Psalm 50:10-12)

II. The Lord's _____ (11:12-13)

Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry.
¹³ **And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.** (Mark 11:12-13)

The common fig, which is mentioned over 60 times in the Bible, is one of the most important trees in the Word of God.

- It is first mentioned in (Genesis 3:7), when Adam and Eve used its broad leaves to make coverings for their nakedness.
- Figs were a vital part of the Middle Eastern diet. The fruit was sweet to the taste (Judges 9:11).
- The first ripe figs were especially valued (Jeremiah 24:2; Hosea 9:10).

- Fig trees were valued for their shade. It was a sign of peace and prosperity to sit in the shade of a fig tree (1 Kings 4:25; Micah 4:4).
- It was under a fig tree that Jesus first saw Nathanael (John 1:48).
- Good figs were used a picture of obedient believers (Jeremiah 24:2-3); while rotten figs were used a picture of wicked men (Jeremiah 24:2-8).
- The fig tree was used by the Old Testament prophets as a sign of judgment (Isaiah. 34:4; Jeremiah 29:17; Hosea. 2:12, 9:10; Joel 1:7; Micah 7:1).
- The fig tree was used as a symbol of the nation of Israel (Jeremiah 8:13, 29:17; Hosea 9:10, 16; Joel 1:7; Micah 7:1-6).

III. The Lord's _____ (11:14)

In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard *it*. (Mark 11:14)

IV. The Lord's _____ (11:20-21)

Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." (Mark 11:20-21)