



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Twenty-Two Study Questions -- The Barren Fig Tree (Matthew 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-24)

1. What is the earliest reference in Scripture to the existence of the fig tree? (HINT: It is also the first reference to humans clothing themselves).
 - What three fruits did the twelve spies bring back from the Valley of Eshcol? (Numbers 13:23)
 - During times of peace and prosperity in Israel, where is each man said to have dwelt? (1 Kings 4:5; Micah 4:4)
2. What event occurs just prior to Jesus cursing the barren fig tree? (Matthew 21:1-16; Mark 11:1-10)
 - What future event did Jesus lament before He entered Jerusalem? (Luke 19:41-44)
 - After entering Jerusalem and viewing the temple, where did Jesus and His disciples spend the night? (Matthew 21:17; Mark 11:11)
3. What human need did Jesus experience as He came out of Bethany the next day? (Mark 11:12)
 - What did Jesus see "afar off" and why did He go to inspect it? (Mark 11:13)
 - What did Jesus say when He found no fruit on the tree? (Mark 11:14)
 - Did the disciples hear Jesus say this?
 - Immediately after this, where did Jesus go and what did He do? (Mark 11:15-18)
4. The next morning, as Jesus and His disciples entered Jerusalem, what did they see? (Mark 11:20)
 - Which disciple, remembering what Jesus did the day before, points out that the fig tree which Jesus had cursed was already withered? (Mark 11:21)
5. What does Jesus tell the disciples in Mark 11:22?
 - If one has faith, what can he do to a mountain? (Mark 11:23)
 - What must we do to receive the things we pray for according to Mark 11:24?
 - To what does James compare a man who prays but doubts? (James 1:6)
 - What is something that we should do when we are praying that will give us confidence that our prayers for forgiveness are being heard? (Mark 11:25-26)
6. In the parable of the fig tree, what was to be done to the fig tree if it would not bear fruit after being fertilized? (Luke 13:6-9)
7. What happens to every disciple who does not bear fruit? (John 15:1-8)
8. NOTE: Several significant miracles have not been covered in our class this quarter due to time constraints. Please read and study the following on your own:
 - Woman with a spirit of infirmity (Luke 13:10-17)
 - Man with dropsy (Luke 14:1-6)
 - Blind man (John 9:1-41)
 - Coin in the Fish's Mouth (Matthew 17:24-27)
 - Healing Malchus' Ear (Matt. 26:51-56; Mark 14:47; Luke 22:49-51; John 18:10-11)