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**Year 3 Bible Study Gospel of Mark Chapter 11**

**For the questions below Highlight or change the font colour to choose the correct answer.**

# Monday: Read Mark Chapter 11:1-10 and answer the questions:

### The Triumphal Entry

*1Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; 2and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. 3And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.”*

*4So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. 5But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?”*

*6And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:*

*“Hosanna!  
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’   
10Blessed is the kingdom of our father David  
That comes in the name of the Lord!   
Hosanna in the highest!*

***Why did Jesus choose a donkey and not a beautiful white horse?***

*In a way, it seems funny to us that Jesus rode a donkey instead of a horse. He was saying to everybody, “I don’t need to show off My power”. Jesus didn’t need to make a big hit with people. He was already “the Greatest!”*

*Jesus also showed us what’s important. You don’t have to act important if you’re a son or daughter of the great King of heaven and earth. You’re already important to your heavenly father (God) who created you and loves you so much.*

**Question 1**

When in our Church’s calender do we celebrate Jesus’ great entry into Jerusalem?

1. Easter Sunday
2. Good Friday
3. Palm Sunday
4. Christmas Day

# Tuesday: Read Mark Chapter 11:11 and answer the questions:

*11And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.*

**Question 2**

1. Where was the Temple ?
2. Where did Jesus go after He left the Temple?
3. Who did He take with Him?

# Wednesday: Read Mark Chapter 11:12-14 and answer the questions:

### *The Fig Tree Withered*

*12Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13And 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. 14In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.”*



The colour of the fig is similar to the colour of the leaves before it is ready to eat.

*The fruit of the fig tree generally appears before the leaves, and, because the fruit is green it blends in with the leaves right up until it is almost ripe. Therefore, when Jesus and His disciples saw from a distance that the tree had leaves, they would have expected it to also have fruit on it even though it was earlier in the season than what would be normal for a fig tree to be bearing fruit. This also explains why Jesus and His disciples would be looking for fruit on the fig tree even if it was not in the main growing season. The fact that the tree already had leaves on it would have seemed to be a good indication that there would also be fruit on it.*



A ripe fig. It is ready to eat.

**Question 3**

Jesus cursed the fig tree because:

1. It didn’t have any fruit even though the leaves on it meant it should have fruit
2. Its’ fruit (the figs) tasted bad
3. Its’ fruit (the figs) were still green

# Thursday: Read Mark Chapter 11:15-18 and answer the questions:

### Jesus Cleanses the Temple

*15So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ”*

*18And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. 19When evening had come, He went out of the city.*

**Question 4**

Who are “*they*” in verse 15?

**Question 5**

What do you think a*‘den of thieves’* means? (Verse 17)

1. The sellers stole the animals.
2. The sellers turned God’s house into a market place, and charged poor people a lot of money to buy goods.
3. People coming to the temple stole animals from the sellers.

# Friday: Read Mark Chapter 11:20-26 and answer the questions:

### The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree

*20Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” 22So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

**Can a fig tree wither in one day?**

*Mark explains that it actually took place over two days, with Jesus cursing the fig tree the first day on the way to cleanse the Temple, and the disciples seeing the tree withered on the second day when they were again going to Jerusalem from Bethany Of course, upon seeing the tree “withered from the roots up,” the disciples were amazed, as that would have normally taken several weeks.*

**What does the withering of the fig tree symbolize?**

*With the cursing of the fig tree, Jesus was symbolically judging Israel as a nation and, in a sense, even judging unfruitful “Christians” (that is, people who say they are Christians but do not have a relationship with Christ and do not bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit).*

*The presence of a fruitful fig tree was considered to be a symbol of blessing for Israel. Likewise, the absence or withering of a fig tree would symbolize judgment and rejection. Symbolically, the fig tree represented the spiritual deadness of Israel, who while very religious outwardly with all the sacrifices and ceremonies, was spiritually empty because of their sins. By cleansing the Temple and cursing the fig tree, causing it to wither and die, Jesus was telling them of His coming judgment of Israel and showing His power to carry it out.*

**Question 6**

Which pictures shows withering of a fig tree?



A

B

C

D

**Question 7 (***Cross out the incorrect words)*

The lesson of the fig tree is that we should bear **spiritual fruit/ figs** not just give an appearance of being a Christian. God **judges/accepts** fruitlessness, and expects that those who have a relationship with Him will “bear **much/no** fruit”

**Question 8**

Our Lord Jesus Christ did this miracle (withering of the fig tree) to teach us a lesson.

Which lesson is He teaching us?

1. To always look good from the outside
2. To bear good fruits by doing the right thing

# Saturday: Read Mark Chapter 11:25-33 and answer the questions:

### Forgiveness and Prayer

*25“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”*

**Question 9**

Should you forgive people who have treated you badly even if they haven’t apologised?

1. No, Jesus only expects us to forgive if the other person is sorry for what they did
2. Yes, because Jesus asks us to love and forgive others so we can also be forgiven

### Jesus’ Authority Questioned

*27Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?”*

*29But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.”*

*31And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32But if we say, ‘From men’”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.”*

*And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”*

**Do you know what is meant by ‘authority’?**

Generally to have authority is to have the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and insist obedience. For example people who have authority over you are parents, teachers, priests etc.

**Authority in this passage** means to have power and right to perform miracles, to teach the people the truth about the Kingdom of God and to save us from sin.

**Question 10**

1. Who gave Jesus this authority?
2. Who asked Jesus*“By what authority are You doing these things? (Verse 28)*

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