

The Gospel of the King

A Tree, a Temple, and a Lesson We Can't Forget

Mark 11:12-25 (ESV)

The Fig Tree ... *Cursed by Jesus, but why?*

God gave it a _____ that it did not _____.

It made pretense of a _____ it did not _____.

The cursed tree is a visual parable of _____ ...

¹⁰ *Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers.*

- Hosea 9:10

The cursing of the tree is a parable of _____ ...

¹³ *When I would gather them, declares the Lord, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them."*

- Jeremiah 8:13

The Temple ... *Condemned, but why?*

God gave it a _____ that it did not _____. (Jeremiah 7:1-15)

"Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord." (v. 11)

God's _____ was _____.

It made pretense of a _____ it did not _____. (Isaiah 56:3-8)

"... my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." (v. 7-8)

God's _____ was _____.

The Fig Tree ... *Withered to its roots*

The "tree" was not _____ because it was _____. It was _____ because it was _____.

Jesus simply _____.

Like the Temple it represented, when the fig tree no longer fulfilled its purpose and delivered on its promise, it no longer had a _____.

The Future ... *Not on this mountain*

God is _____ – _____ Him.

God is _____ – _____ to Him.

God is _____ – _____ like Him.

My response today: