

Text: Mark 11:12-18

Topics: Authority, Fruitfulness, Hypocrisy, Worship

Series: The Passion Week of Mark's Servant King

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Actions that Spoke Loudly

I. Appearances (12-14)

The Lord condemns giving the appearance of fruit without true fruit.

II. Abuses (13-18)

The Lord condemns accepting the abuse of worship and not upholding true worship.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read Mark 11:12-14. Why would Jesus have gone to the tree for figs if it wasn't the season for figs? Why would Jesus then curse the tree for not having figs?

What is Jesus condemning? Be as specific as you can.

Are you sometimes guilty of this? If so, when, and why?

3. Read Mark 11:20-25. What surprising response did Jesus give to Peter when he pointed out the withered tree the next day? How does this relate to Jesus cursing the tree the day before?

How would what Jesus urges the disciples to do help you with your spiritual life, especially in terms of the appearance of your spirituality?

4. Read Mark 11:15-18. Who would Jesus be upset with? What word or words would you use to describe what Jesus said the people were doing?

Why would the chief priests and scribes have been afraid of Jesus and want to kill Him?

Why would the crowd have been astonished at the teaching of Jesus?

Have you been guilty of misusing God's provision for worship? How can you better use God's provision(s)?