

Mark 11**MONDAY: Read Mark 11**

In this chapter, which of Jesus' teachings or experiences compels you most? Why? *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the spiritual truths & realities that Jesus demonstrates in this chapter.*

TUESDAY: Read Mark 11:1-11

What attribute of God does Jesus demonstrate in relating the details of the colt? In a triumphant procession, what place does a king normally occupy in the parade? What does it show about the kingship of Jesus that He is in the middle or midst of the people? What is significant about Jesus riding a colt that has never been harnessed, broken or ridden before? *Thank the Holy Spirit for helping you discover the qualities of Jesus that are godly, kingly, & that make it a pleasure to be in His kingdom.*

WEDNESDAY: Read Mark 11:12-14 & Revelation 22:1-3

Knowing that Jesus would not allow any emotion to overwhelm His character & obedience, how might you explain Jesus' action toward the fig tree? After reading the Revelation verses, how would you compare & contrast the fig tree to the tree of life? Which represents the fullness of life with God in blessing rather than curse? Why? *Ask the Spirit to help you rely on and expect the abundance of God.*

THURSDAY: Read Mark 11:15-18

Jesus said that God's temple had become a den of thieves? How does robbery apply to the money-changers? How does thievery apply to the selling of doves for sacrifices? Were the religious leaders fearfully serving God or man? What problems always arise? *Ask Spirit to train you in God's priorities.*

FRIDAY: Read Mark 11:19-25 (26)

What is unusual about the way the fig tree died? What do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to know about prayer thru this example? *Thank Jesus for showing us what God is like as a man, and for being willing to live in/thru you to demonstrate the same.*

SATURDAY: Read Mark 11:27-33

Why did Jesus ask a question before answering by whose authority He worked? Why didn't the Religious leaders say that John's baptism was merely human? Why didn't they say it was divine? *Thank God for His commitment to finish your spiritual maturity so you can live in abundant blessing!*

Mark 11 (NLT)

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

1) As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. **2)** "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3)** If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'" **4)** The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. **5)** As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" **6)** They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. **7)** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. **8)** Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. **9)** Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! **10)** Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!" **11)** So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

12) The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. **13)** He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. **14)** Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.

Jesus Clears the Temple

15) When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, **16)** and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. **17)** He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." **18)** When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.

19) That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city. **20)** The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. **21)** Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!" **22)** Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. **23)** I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. **24)** I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. **25)** But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too. **[26) But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.]** Not included in all early manuscripts]

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

27) Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. **28)** They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?" **29)** "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. **30)** "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!" **31)** They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John. **32)** But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet. **33)** So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."