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- 1) The Occasion (19-21)
- 2) Jesus' Exhortation (22)
- 3) Jesus' Application (23-24)
- 4) The Limitations (25-26)

I. The Occasion (19-21)

- **Sunday**
 - Triumphal Entry – Jesus made the unequivocal claim to be Israel's Messiah.
 - Healing in the temple.
 - Prophesying and weeping over the destruction of the city.
 - Cursed the temple.
 - Sunday evening, Jesus and the 12 went back to Bethany for the night.
- **Monday** – only three events.
 - Cursing of a fig tree.
 - 2nd Cleansing of the temple.
 - Request of some Greeks (John 12)

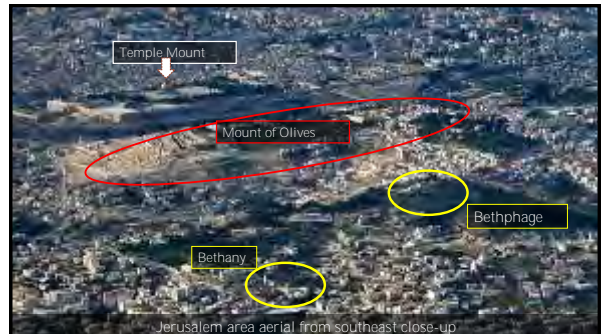


Fig Tree Near Jerusalem



Early Figs (Heb., Paggim)



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II. Jesus' Exhortation (22)

- There are two primary expressions of faith...
 - 1) Confidence in God's clear biblical promises to me;
 - 2) Confidence that God has the capacity to do whatever I ask of Him, if He decides that it is best for me.

II. Jesus' Application (23-24)

- Cf. Matt. 21:21 - Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen.



IV. The Limitations (25-26)

- **1)** Have faith in God.
- **2)** Have a spirit of forgiveness toward others.
- **3)** Ask.
 - Matt. 7:7; Jam. 4:2b - You do not have because you do not ask.
- **4)** Not ask with wrong motives and to consume it on our pleasures.
 - Jam. 4:3 - You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

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- **5)** Ask in Jesus' name.
 - John 14:13-14 - "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*." 16:23
- **6)** Abide in Jesus and have His Words abiding in you.
 - John 15:7 - "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you; 1 John 3:22
- **7)** Delight ourselves in God.
 - Ps. 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

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- **8)** Ask according to God's revealed will (His Word).
 - 1 John 5:14-15 - This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
- **9)** Ask in line with God's sovereign will.
 - Luke 22:42 - Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."