

NOTHING BUT LEAVES
MARK 11:12-14 / JANUARY 18, 2017 WED.

I. ISRAEL WAS THE PRIMARY TARGET.

- A. In the O.T., Israel was often referred to as a fig tree--Jer. 8:13.
- B. What is Jesus' message of warning to Israel?
 - 1. Israel' hypocrisy is pictured in the cursed fig tree.
 - 2. Israel's fruitlessness is pictured in the cursed fig tree.
- C. Israel's hypocrisy and fruitlessness invited disaster.

II. WE ARE THE SECONDARY TARGET.

- A. Like Israel, we can be hypocritical.
- B. Like Israel we can be fruitless.
- C. God is examining our lives and churches for any sign of real life.
- D. What God did to Israel He may do to us too--John 15:1-2, 6.