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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

ALL SHOW, NO SUBSTANCE

MARK 11:11-27

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The last time we saw Jericho during our midweek study in Joshua, the city was left in ruins
 - 1. By the time Jesus enters it, over a thousand years later, Jericho looks like a very different city
 - a) Jericho was a notable stop on a very important trade route into Jerusalem – where Jesus was headed
 - b) There was a lot of wealth moving through the city and a lot of wealth remained in the city
 - (1) It was known for its lavish gardens and groves of palm trees that were watered by intricate aqueduct systems
 - (2) Historians refer to it as the Eden of Palestine
 - 2. It was also home to one of three Roman regional tax centers – think of them like home offices for the IRS
 - a) Jericho was a perfect place for a tax collector to make a living
 - 3. ways designed you to be.