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Jesus Finds a Fruitless Israel

A. Fig Tree: Found with no fruit (11:12-14)
B. Temple: Israel has no fruit (11:15-19)
A. Fig Tree: Found withered from root up (11:20-21)

Mark 11:15-16 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

Jesus Is Zealous for His House

Mark 11:17 And He began to teach and say to them, ~~As~~ it not written, MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS? But you have made it a ROBBERS DEN.

Jeremiah 7:12 But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.



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The Fruitlessness of Israel

Mark 11:18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were **afraid** of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

4:41 fear after seeing Jesus calm the sea

5:15 fear after seeing Jesus heal the demoniac

6:50 fear after seeing Jesus walk on water

10:32 fear after seeing Jesus walk to Jerusalem

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The Fruitlessness of Israel

Mark 11:19-20 When evening came, they would go out of the city. As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the **roots** up.

Isaiah 5:24 Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble and dry grass collapses into the flame, So their **root** will become like rot and their blossom blow away as dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

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Applications

1. We must remember that God called Israel to bring Him glory by bearing fruit and by being a light to the nations.
2. We must remember that God has called us to do the same!

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1. Israel Called to Be a Light to the Nations

Isaiah 42:6 I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, **as a light to the nations**,

Isaiah 44:5 This one will say, **I am the LORD** And that one **will call on the name of Jacob**; and another will write on his hand, **Belonging to the LORD**, and will name Israel's name with honor.

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1. The Sin of Israel in Jesus' Day

Isaiah 56:4-5 For thus says the LORD, **To the eunuchs** who keep My sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, **to them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters**; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.

Mark 11:17 **ESV** **It is not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations**? **But you** have made it a den of robbers.+

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2. Call to Bring Glory to God

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God**.

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2. Two Systems in Contrast

Man's Temple By Works:

Genesis 11:3, 4b They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used **brick for stone**, and they used **tar for mortar**. They said "Come let us make a name for ourselves" +

God's Temple By Faith:

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as **living stones**, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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