

“The Confrontational Savior”

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Mark 11:12-33

Intro.

I. The fig tree (word picture)

A. In **leaf**

B. No **fruit**

II. Temple **tragedy**

III. Jesus enters the Temple

A. Righteous **indignation**

B. **Drives** out the businesses

C. **Teaching** (Isaiah 56:7-8; Jeremiah 7:11)

IV. Religious leaders plot

A. How to **destroy** Him

B. Afraid of the **people**

VI. Fig tree revisited

A. Israel's **spiritual** life

B. The **Temple**

C. **Created** an attentiveness

Prayer (faith)

No doubting (James 1:5-8)

Faith in God

Forgiveness (Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 1 Peter 3:7)

VII. The plot thickens

A. The **question**

B. The answer/question

1. What about **John**? (Matthew 3: 6-10)

2. **We** don't know

3. I **won't** tell you either

VIII. Application

A. **Stand** strong

1. Defend truth

2. Don't **compromise**

3. **Be** respectful

B. Confront **corruption**

1. Political

2. **Religious** (1 Timothy 3:15)

C. **Truth** is truth (1 John 4:6; Isaiah 65:16)

“Face the truth. Whenever you perceive God’s Word speaking to you, embrace the message, even if it hurts. You will face the truth at one time or another. That much is guaranteed.”

- Chuck Swindoll

Action Point: _____

Next Week: **Mark 12:1-12**