

Mark 11:12-12:12

12 The next day when they went out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, He went to find out if there was anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, **"May no one ever eat fruit from you again!"** And His disciples heard it.

15 They came to Jerusalem, and He went into the temple and began to throw out those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, 16 and would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple. 17 He was teaching them: **"Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!"** 18 The chief priests and the scribes heard it and started looking for a way to kill Him. For they were afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was astonished by His teaching.

19 Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.

20 Early in the morning, as they were passing by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 Then Peter remembered and said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that You cursed has withered." 22 Jesus replied to them, **"Have faith in God. 23 Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, everything you pray and ask for—believe that you have received, it and it will be yours. 25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing."**

27 They came again to Jerusalem. As He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came 28 and asked Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? Who gave You this authority to do these things?" 29 Jesus said to them, **"I will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 Was John's baptism from heaven or of human origin? Answer Me."** 31 They discussed it among themselves: "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' 32 But if we say, 'Of human origin' "—they were afraid of the crowd, because everyone thought that John was truly a prophet. 33 So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." And Jesus said to them, **"Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."**

12:1 He began to speak to them in parables: **"A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug out a pit for a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went away. 2 At harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers to collect some of the fruit of the vineyard from them. 3 But they took him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent another servant to them, and they hit him on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 Then he sent another, and they killed that one. He also sent many others; some they beat, and others they killed. 6 He still had one to send, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those tenant farmers said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What then will the owner, of the vineyard do? He will come and kill the farmers and give the vineyard to others. 10 Haven't you read this Scripture:**

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

**11 This came about from the Lord
and is wonderful in our eyes?"**

12 They were looking for a way to arrest Him but feared the crowd because they knew He had spoken this parable against them. So they left Him and went away.