

Assignments on Mark 11

Please read Mark 11 and answer the following questions.

1. Where were Jesus and His disciples when these things happened – 11:1 (see *map*)? What did He instruct two disciples to do – 11:2?

2. What were they to say if anyone questioned them – 11:3? What happened when they followed Jesus' instructions – 11:4-6?

3. What did they do with the colt when they brought it to Jesus – 11:7? What Old Testament Scripture did this fulfill?

4. Explain the purpose of Jesus in entering Jerusalem this way. How would this differ from the expectation people had of Him as king?

5. What did some people do as Jesus entered the city – 11:8? What is the significance?

6. **Define** "hosanna" – 11:9,10. What does this tell you about the people's expectation of Jesus?

7. What did the people say as Jesus entered the city – 11:9,10? What does this tell you about their expectations?

8. Where did Jesus go when He entered Jerusalem – 11:11? Where did he go to spend the night?

9. What did He see the next day when He came out from Bethany – 11:12-14? What did He say when He saw this?

10. Did Jesus do this for the sake of the fig tree? Who would benefit from this act? Explain. (Think: Why curse a tree for not having figs when it was not the season?)

11. **Application:** What lesson should the people of Israel learn from the cursing of the fig tree? What should we learn?

12. Describe what Jesus did in the temple – 11:15,16? Give book, chapter, and verse showing when He did this before.

13. What Scriptural authority did He cite for his action – 11:17? Where is this passage(s) found in the Old Testament?

14. **Special Assignment:** Explain in your own words the justification for what Jesus did. What were His reasons, and why were His actions proper?

15. What attitude did the scribes and priests have toward this act of Jesus – 11:18,19? Why did they not carry out their desires? Once again, what does this show about them?

16. **Application:** List *passages* showing the church is the temple of Christ today. As regards the church, what applications should we make of Jesus' act in cleansing the temple?

17. **Application:** List **passages** showing that Christians are the temple of the Holy Spirit. What applications can we make of this event for our own lives as Christians? List any other lessons we should learn.

18. What did the disciples of Jesus observe the next morning – 11:20,21? What comment did Peter make?

19. Describe the lesson Jesus taught about faith in response to Peter's comment about the fig tree – 11:22-24. What importance did Jesus say faith has in regard to our prayers?

20. List other **passages** about God's answer to prayers. In particular, what conditions must prayer meet in order for God answer?

21. **Application:** Did Jesus mean for us today to literally cast mountains into the sea? Did anyone in the first century do such a thing? Would it harmonize with the conditions of prayer for us to attempt to this today? What lessons should we learn?

22. What lesson does Jesus teach us about forgiveness in 11:25,26? What is the consequence of not being willing to forgive others?

23. List other **passages** about forgiving others.

24. Does God forgive our sins conditionally or unconditionally? What should we learn about our forgiveness of others?

25. **Case Study:** Many people believe that forgiveness of others means that we should forgive whether or not people have repented or met any conditions of forgiveness. What do the Scriptures teach about this concept? Do any passages about forgiving others list conditions?

26. What position did Jesus mention people being in when they pray in 11:25? List other passages that describe various positions people may be in when praying.

27. **Case Study:** Some people believe that it is disrespectful to God to pray when standing or when sitting. How would you respond to these views?

28. What question did various Jewish leaders ask Jesus in the temple – 11:27,28? Is the question about authority a valid question? Explain.

29. What question did Jesus ask the Jewish leaders in response to their question – 11:29,30? What two sources did Jesus mention as possible origins of authority?

30. What problem did Jesus' question raise for these Jewish leaders – 11:31,32? Explain their dilemma.

31. How did Jesus then respond to the leaders – 11:33?

32. **Special Assignment:** Explain why the approach Jesus used was wise. How did it demonstrate His skill as a teacher? What should we learn?