

Mark 11:11 - 26

Dead Tree, Dead Nation, Wise Disciples

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and

a corrupt temple worship

after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

to stay in the home of lazarus Mary and Martha

12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became

hungry. 13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to

see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and 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 were listening.

15 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; 16 and He would not permit anyone to

carry merchandise through the temple. 17 And He began to

teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE

CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have

made it a ROBBERS' DEN." 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

the fig tree.. an Old Testament Symbol of Israel and like Israel, the tree had leaves with no fruit...

Hosea 9:11-12 The fruitless NATION was Judged..

W15-16 The reality of the symbol, - a barren nation just like a barren fig TREE...

because the temple traffic was in the court of the Gentiles... The nation simply did not care about the Gentiles...

the leaders had lost their authority and their audience.

Christ was looking for the "first ripe fig" ... as God regarded true Abrahamic faith (Hosea 9:10)

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

²⁰ As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots *up*. ²¹ Being reminded, Peter

*said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus *answered saying to them, "Have

faith in God. ²³ Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to

happen, it will be *granted* him. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have

received them, and they will be *granted* you. ²⁵ Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against

anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. ²⁶ [But if you do not forgive, neither

will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

(vv19-21) The disciples noticed a super-natural occurrence - sudden total death thru Christ's word...

Christ's answer to the question does not answer the symbol of a dead tree... but the reality of the Judges, dead nation. How will the 12 avoid a church that is dead and Judges?

- v22 1. HAVE FAITH IN GOD
- v23 2. MOVE MOUNTAINS AND BUILD TEMPLES
- v24 3. THROUGH BELIEVING PRAYER...
- v25 4. ...LOVE AND FORGIVENESS