

The gospel of Mark

5 June 2022
Mark 11:12-26

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

Read **Mark 11**

- What happens in this chapter?
- What stands out to you?
- Is there anything which you need to explore some more?

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- When you think about these two (2) weird things that happen in this passage – the cursing of the fig tree and the “cleansing” of the temple – what stands out to you? Why?
- What is the significance of the two (2) Old Testament quotes [**Isaiah 56:6-7; Jeremiah 7:11**]? Why do you think Jesus quotes these verses?
- Jesus and the chief priests both got angry in this passage? What is the difference between what causes them to get angry?
- What is the significance of Peter later writing that we are a “royal priesthood” [**1 Peter 2:9**].
- “One of the signs that an object is functioning as an idol is that fear becomes one of the chief characteristics of life.”
What is it in your heart that drives you to being angry & afraid?
What pushes you to anger & fear?
What does that say about the posture of your heart?
- Jesus’ application of why he cursed the fig tree was “Have faith in God” [**v22**].
What does this mean – to have faith – in God?
How does this happen? In your life?
- How does all this relate to praying the 57 words of the Lord’s – Disciple’s – Kingdom Prayer?

REFLECTING ON & LIVING IT OUT THIS WEEK

Looking over this chapter of Mark:

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about people?
- What does this passage say about the Kingdom of God?