

## Mark 11:1-26<sup>1</sup>

### Read Mark 11:1-11

1) The first 6 verses have to do with a colt, why is this so important? What do we learn about Jesus from this?

2) Jesus specifies that the colt is one “on which no one has ever sat.” Why is the significance of such a colt?

- number 19:2, an animal devoted to a sacred purpose must be one that had not been put to ordinary use
- animals transporting the ark must have never been yoked
- another claim at being God
- also, it would have been very young (which is unlikely for a conquering king)

3) What personal and practical applications is there for us in this knowledge?

### Read Mark 11:12-26

4) Why does Jesus curse the fig tree?

- no nubs, therefore no fruit to come

5) Why does Jesus clean the temple? What is the significance of the phrase, “house of prayer for all the nations”?

6) How do the temple and the fig tree relate to each other?

- the temple worship was an example of leaves without fruit...form without content

6b) What are modern day examples of leaves without fruit? Is there an area in your own life where you are not producing the fruit God intended? What is the barrier to that?

7) How do the two judgements compare to Jesus entry on a donkey?

- “he is fierce to the nth degree and meek to the nth degree”

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8) v. 25 What can we learn about legitimate and illegitimate uses of anger?

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<sup>1</sup> Some questions taken from “The Gospel of Mark Study,” by Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2005.