

Cornerstone Community Fellowship

“Perplexing” (8/17/2025)

A. THE FIG TREE (*Mark 11:12-14*)

1. *“Jesus was hungry”* –
2. *“a fig tree in leaf”* –
3. *“found nothing but leaves”* –
4. *“May no one ever eat fruit of you again.”* – WHY?
 - a. The fig tree is often used to symbolize the nation of Israel.
 - b. Jesus is using the fig tree as an object lesson – teach a truth using common

B. THE TEMPLE (*Mark 11:15-19*)

- a. *“Jesus entered the temple area”* –

THE SET UP

1. The vendors split the profits with the priests.
2. People needed to purchase a lamb for sacrifice that would sell at ten times the actual price. Potentially up to 250,000 lambs were sold.
3. Travelers had to exchange their money for temple currency with a high temple tax that was nothing other than extortion.
 - *“began driving out”* –

- *“overturned the tables”* –
- *“would not allow anyone to carry-*

b. *“and He taught them”* –

- *“my house is a house of prayer”* –
- *“for all nations”* –
- *“a den of robbers”* –

c. *“the chief priests and teachers”*

- *“looking for a way to kill Him”* –
- *“for they feared Him”* –

C. THE LESSON (*Mark 11:20-21*)

1. *“fig tree withered from the roots”* –
2. *“the fig tree you cursed”* –

THE LESSON – The temple is a fruitless pretense of worship that will no longer be tolerated.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Luke 8:8)