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Look Alive!
Mark 11:7-22

Mark 11:7-11 *They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!" 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.*

I. Trees can look alive, but have no _____.

Mark 11:12-14 *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.*

Can you imagine, Jesus, being hungry?

- He fed 5000. (Mt 14:21, Mk 6:44, Lk 9:14, Jn 6:10)
- He fasted for 40 days. (Mt 4:2, Mk 1:11, Lk 4:2)
- He who turned water into wine. (Jn 2:9)

Inclusio –

- Tree
- Temple
- Tree

II. A Temple can look alive, but have no _____.

Mark 11:15-18 *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.*

Jesus came to the Temple. What does He find?

III. Jesus wants lives to _____.

Mark 11:19-22 *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."*

Point:

How do we produce Spiritual fruit?

1. The Right Source – _____
2. The Right Environment – _____
3. The Right Food – _____

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How are you doing bearing fruit?
2. How are you connecting with the source of life?
3. How are you availing yourself to the right environment for producing Spiritual fruit?
4. When are you consuming the right nourishment to produce Spiritual fruit?



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