

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What lesson was the Lord trying to teach when he cursed the tree?
2. Do we have a right to exhibit anger at times?
How can we be justified in our righteous indignation?
3. How do we understand Jesus' response to Peter, when he said to him "Have faith in God"?
4. In what ways could we be tempted to challenge Christ's authority?

SUMMARY:

All of our lives we are under some authority. In the home, children are under the authority of parents, and in school under the authority of teachers. We all are subject to civil authority in our communities and on the highways and in our nation. The modern trend is civil disobedience. Really, just simply, disobedience!

Surrendering to God means giving ourselves over to His authority and becoming obedient to Him. He then changes our outlook in life and aids us in making proper adjustment to the authority of the church (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Hebrews 13:7, 17); home (Ephesians 6:1-3); city and state (Romans 13:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-14).

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

November 6, 2022

Fourth Quarter

THE KING'S AUTHORITY

LESSON TEXT: *Mark 11:12-33*

LESSON SETTING: The Lord revisits Jerusalem and the temple with His disciples.

TIME: About 33 A.D.

- I. THE CURSED TREE.** Mark 11:12-14, 19-26
 - A. Unfruitfulness (vs. 13) Matthew 3:10; 13:22; Hebrews 6:8
 - B. A Divine Curse (vs. 14) Malachi 3:9; Matthew 25:30; John 15:6
- II. THE CLEANSED TEMPLE.** Mark 11:15-18
 - A. Pollutions (vs. 15) John 2:12; Romans 2:22; 1 Corinthians 11:22
 - B. A Place of Prayer (vs. 17) Isaiah 56:7; Luke 19:46; John 2:16
- III. THE CHALLENGED AUTHORITY.** Mark 11:27-33
 - A. Christ's Authority (vs. 28) Matthew 7:29; Mark 1:27; John 5:27
 - B. His Authority Challenged (vs. 28) Matthew 21:23; Luke 20:1-2
 - C. Challengers Confounded (vs. 29) Isaiah 41:11; 44:25; Jeremiah 20:11

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM.*

Mark 11:24

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 14:1-11, 43-46

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 41:1-13; 45:1-17; 55:11-23

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE KING - LOVED AND HATED

INTRODUCTION:

Mary of Bethany loved the Lord. Her gift to Him was a spontaneous expression of her love, her adoration, and her worship. The cost of her gift was about the amount a laboring man would earn in a full year.

What a waste some thought! This costly ointment of spikenard—simply poured out on the Master! How many things could be bought for this price! How much charity could have been done!

But no gift to the Savior is a waste. We cannot do enough to show our love and our reverence for Him. God's gift to us (John 3:16) exceeds all gifts. He first loved us. How we ought to love Him!

We ought to be charitable and give to help the poor and needy. We ought to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. But it's not enough to be charitable. Do we really love and worship the Savior? Are we really giving of ourselves to Him?

Mary loved. Judas hated. Which example are you following?

CENTRAL TRUTH: Opposition to Christ can lead only to terrible consequences.

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED.

Mark 14:21

“. . . good were it for that man if he had never been born.”

It was necessary that Jesus die on the cross. That is why He came. He often had spoken of His coming death and resurrection. Except He had borne our sins on the cross, we along with the saints of all ages, would be hopelessly lost.

Judas' betrayal of Jesus is one of the terrible events leading to the crucifixion. The betrayal had even been prophesied. (Psalm 41:9; John 13:18-19)

But did Judas have a choice? Was Judas guilty and responsible for his awful deed? YES! We are all free moral agents. We choose whom we will serve. (Romans 6:16) God commands us and invites us to choose Him.

Every soul that sins is personally responsible. (Ezekiel 18:4) No excuses will do. Judas was terribly guilty—and condemned (and so are we, if we—like Judas—reject the Savior). “And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 7 – 13

M. *The King—Loved and Hated. Mark 14:1-11, 43-46

T. The King Teaches about Love and Hate. John 15:10-23

W. The King Sold for Silver. Zechariah 11:10-14

T. The King Betrayed by a Friend. Psalm 55:12-16

F. The King Talks of His Traitor. John 13:18-30

S. The King's Traitor Commits Suicide. Matthew 27:3-10

S. The King's Traitor Replaced. Acts 1:15-25

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