## SUNDAY TO SUNDAY #2: Jesus' Final Days (Monday & Tuesday)

## 1. The <u>Cursed Tree</u> (Mark 11:12-14, 20-21)

Mark 11:12 On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry.

<sup>13</sup> And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

<sup>14</sup> And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

<sup>20</sup> As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

<sup>21</sup> And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

2. The Corrupt
Temple
(Mark 11:15-19)

Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

<sup>17</sup> And he was teaching them and saying 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 den of robbers."

<sup>18</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.

<sup>19</sup> And when evening came they went out of the city.

## 3. The Condemned Tricksters (Matthew 21:27, 31b; 22:18, 22, 29, 46)

Matt. 21:27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

31b"Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

Matt. 22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?

<sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

<sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

4. The Close True
Believer
(Mark 12:32-34)

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

<sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

