

# EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

## Jesus The True Temple

Matthew 21:1-27

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## Jesus' symbolic acts

1. Announces His arrival
2. Asserts His authority



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*“Planned for prime time and maximum exposure, it was a “demonstration” calculated to interrupt business as usual and bring the imminence of God’s reign abruptly, forcefully, to the attention of all ...”*

(Meyer)

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Jesus asserts His authority as

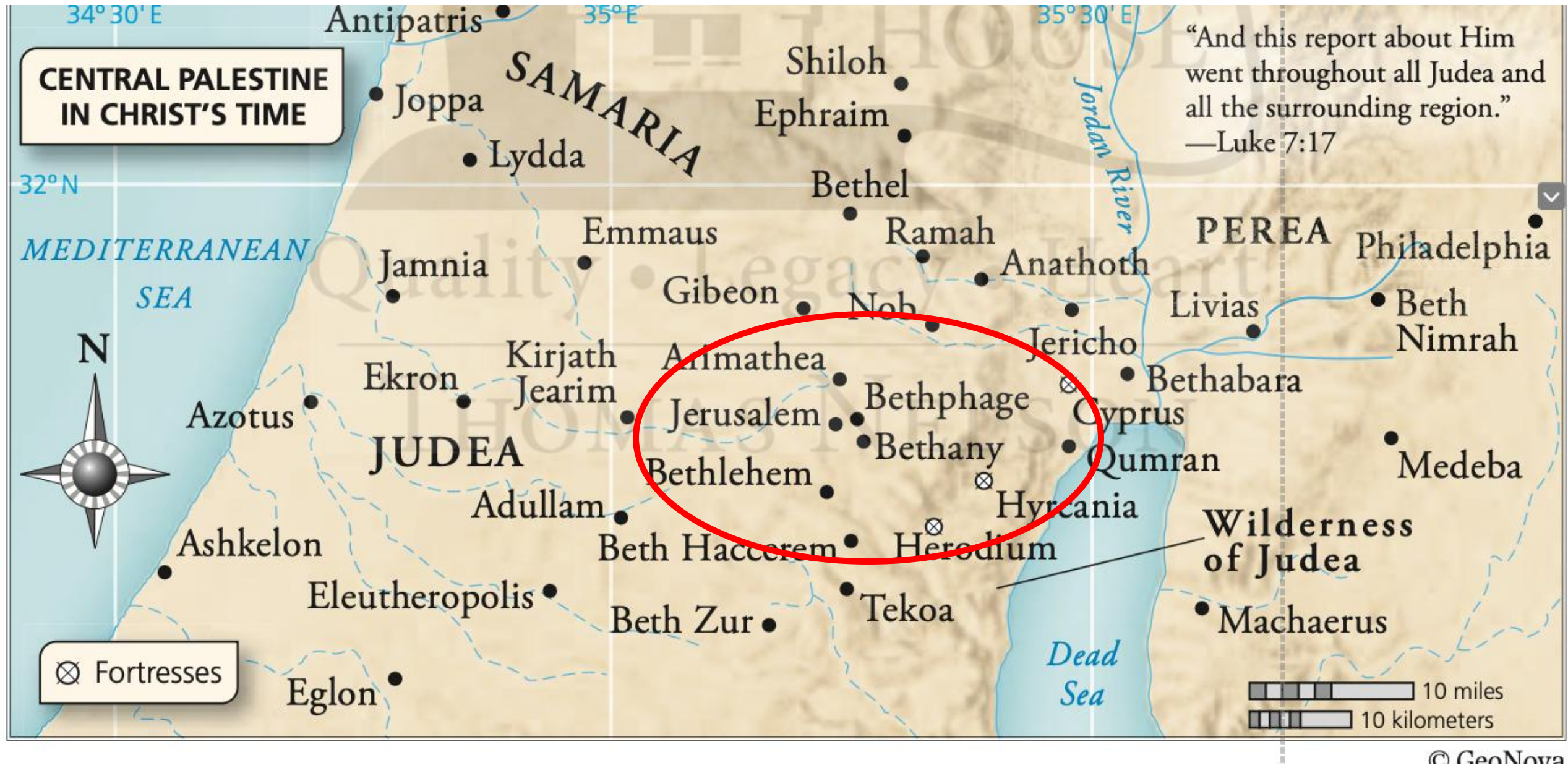
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## 1. The King who comes in peace

- Riding on a donkey
- “Hosanna!”





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- Riding on a donkey → Humility and peace
- “Hosanna!”



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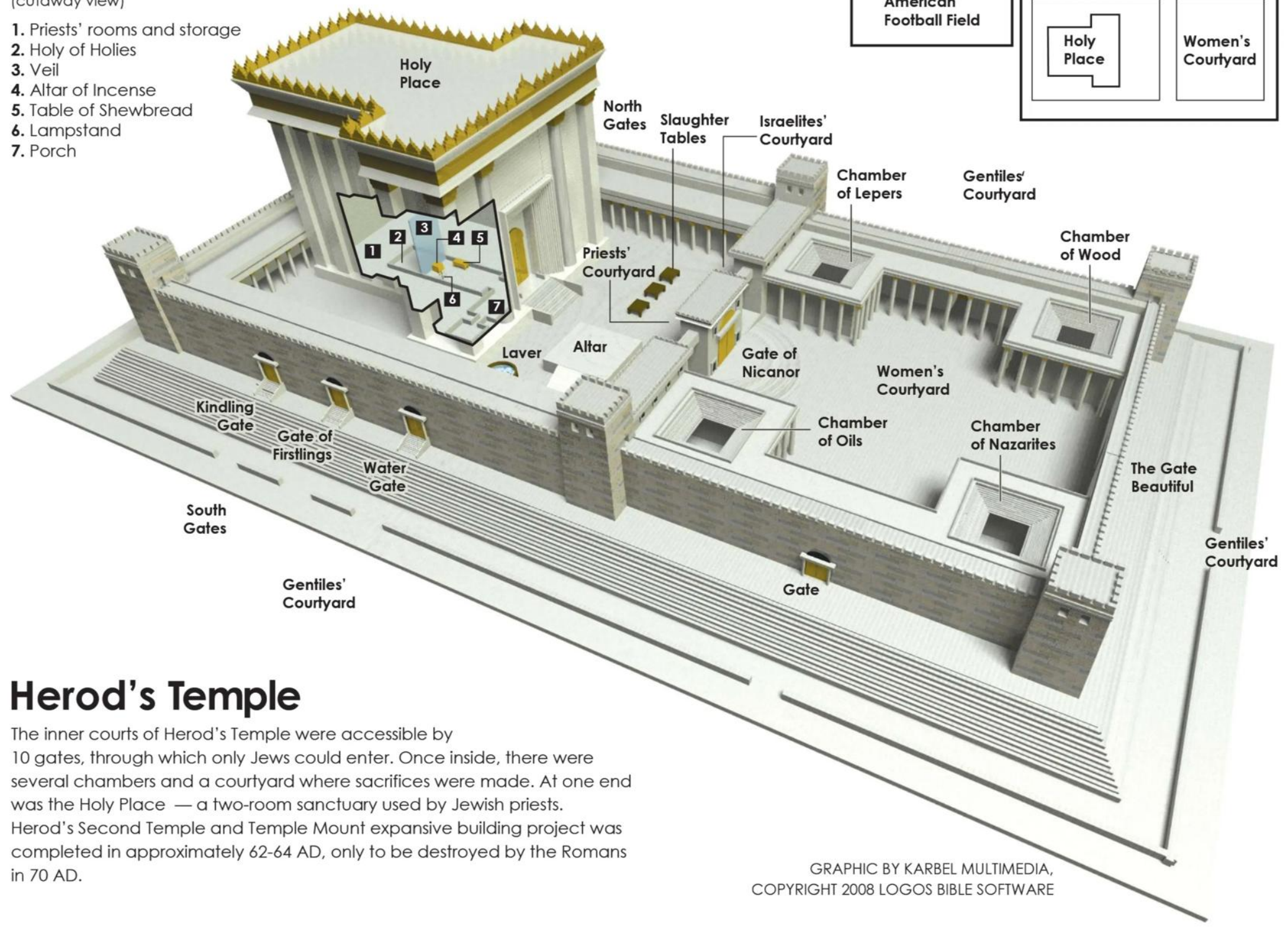
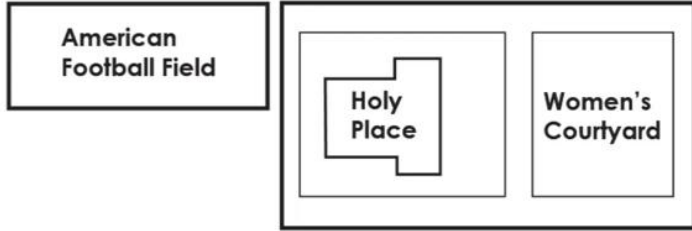
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**INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE**  
(cutaway view)

- 1. Priests' rooms and storage
- 2. Holy of Holies
- 3. Veil
- 4. Altar of Incense
- 5. Table of Shewbread
- 6. Lampstand
- 7. Porch

Size comparison (approximate):



## Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Once inside, there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At one end was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount expansive building project was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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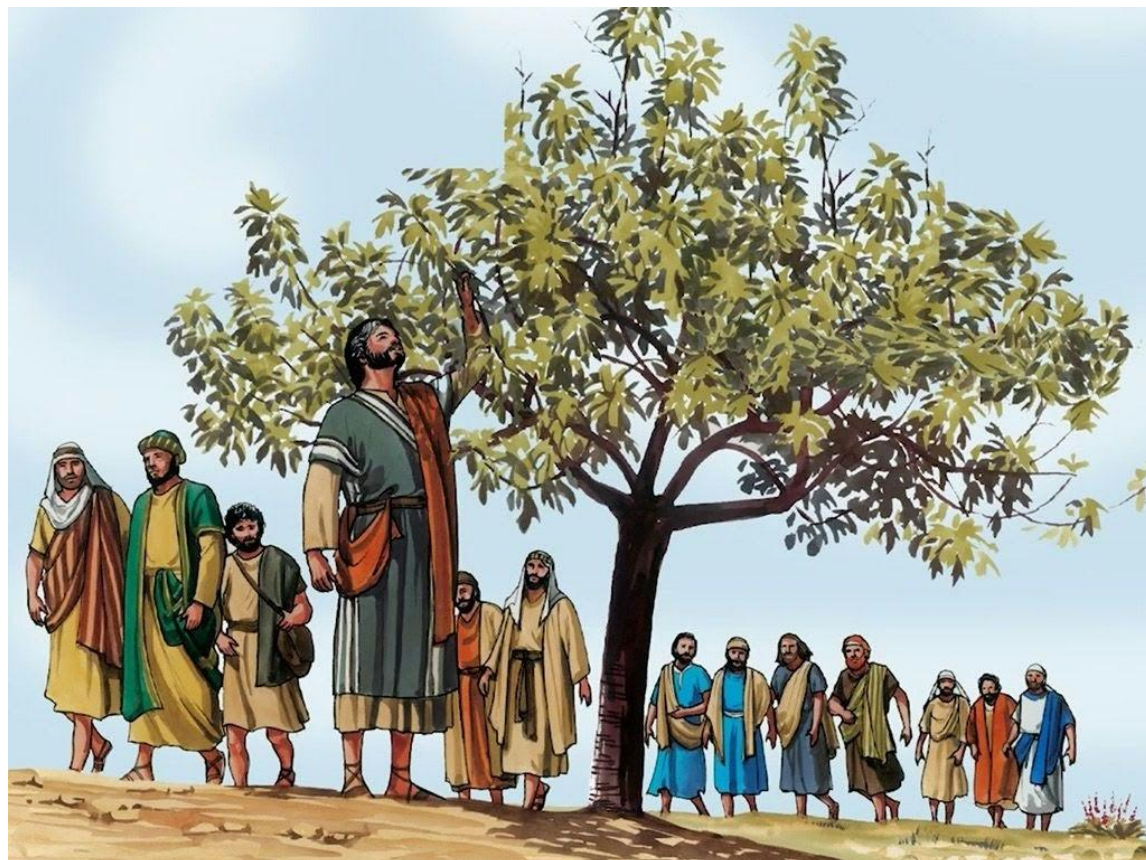


“My house will be called a house of prayer **for all nations**. But you have made it **‘a den of robbers’**.”

Mark 11:17

# Jesus Curses a Fig Tree – Lack of Fruitfulness

“<sup>18</sup>Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. <sup>19</sup>Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered.”





# Jesus Curses a Fig Tree – Lack of Fruitfulness

**Mark 11:12-14** – Jesus curses the fig tree

**Mark 11:15-19** – Jesus clears the temple

**Mark 11:20-25** – The fig tree withers

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“<sup>21</sup>Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. <sup>22</sup>If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Matthew 21:21-22





# The Authority of Jesus Questioned – Spiritual Hypocrisy

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“<sup>23</sup>Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, “I will also ask you this question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>25</sup>John’s baptism – where did it come from?

Was it from heaven, or from human origin?”



“They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’”<sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.

<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

# Jesus' warning to the religious leaders

1. Our faith is not about outward religiosity.
2. Our faith must bear fruit in love, justice, mercy and prayer
3. Our faith is about surrendering to His Lordship.

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1. His compassion on the blind and the lame.
2. His acknowledgement of the children.
3. His encouragement to His disciples.



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**Come in faith to Jesus, our True Temple.**

