

# What Will He Find

## Mark 11:12-26

### Into the Lesson:

Revisit Sam's comments from last week and the speculation of what Jesus saw as He came to the temple (v.11).

All that history-  
The week that is ahead of Him-  
The wickedness of the people-  
For which He will return tomorrow to strongly condemn.  
How easy it would be to overthrow-  
Everyone who hurts, hurts back. Everyone who cuts, cuts back double.

What part would Jesus, *fully God and yet fully man*, have played in his thought processes?

Is it possible that Jesus (the man) may have thought... *this is going to hurt?*

Contrast the sights and sounds of His "triumphal entry" with the bitter vitriol that awaits Him in a few days.

### Into the Word:

Reread Mark 11:12-26 and from Lane's sermon, note some of the misconceptions people have had from this passage.

(Kudos to Lane for including a quote from a "famous atheist")

How does Lane's quote, "...but clearly and completely thought-out responses... help us to realize that Jesus is in control?

How does Matthew 3:8 and John 4:23 provide the benchmark for which some will strive, and many will deride?

Respond to Lane's quote, "... an Illustration that there is no fruit in the lives of the Jewish people."

How does John 15:1-7 further help to understand Jesus' action with the fig tree?

How does Jeremiah 7:1-11 (and much of our *Through the Bible* reading) point to the fact that most of the kingdom of Israel had gone *clear off the tracks* in their worship?

Considering the exploitation Jesus finds in the temple, how is His response as the High Priest "...not a reaction - it is a calculated response"?

### Into Life:

How do we see evidence that verse 18 is still a part of Satan's playbook in:

Our culture-  
Public schools-  
The entertainment industry-

How does John 14:15-21 provide us with the proper response to the above?

How do we make this apparent in our day-to-day encounters? After reading Galatians 5:19-26, focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit, consider what you can do this week to make evident, **"love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness"**.

If necessary, choose one a day from the above list and make this part of your daily prayer focus.

*When prayer is the source of faith's power and the means of it's strength - God's Sovereignty is its only restriction Those who trust God for the right things in the right way may have confidence that God will always make the right response - Alistair Begg*