

# Corrects In The City

## Mark Chapter 11

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### 1) Entering the City vs 1-10

*The day predicted in Daniel 9:25 - Sir Robert Anderson "The Coming Prince"*

- *Daniel 9:25 "So you are to know and discern from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty two weeks..." 530 BC*
- *Artaxerxes I commanded the rebuilding of the city to Nehemiah March 14, 445 BC*
- *63 weeks + 7 weeks = 69 weeks X 7 (the definition of week) = 483*
- *Genesis 29:27 defined a week as 7 year period of time*
- *March 14, 445 BC + 483 years (Julian Calendar) = April 6<sup>th</sup> 32 AD*

As they \*approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He \*sent two of His disciples,

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and \*said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied {there,} on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it {here.}

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"If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here."

- *Jesus sends Peter and John (John's Gospel) to make preparations.*
- *Jesus is about to do something that is different than how He usually ministered.*
  - *Last chapter He is walking with purpose to Jerusalem*
  - *He in past told people to tell no one.*
  - *Now He is going to enter Jerusalem with great ceremony and focus on Jesus*
  - *Jesus is arranging this attention and begins this by getting this colt.*

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They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they \*untied it.

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Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

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They spoke to them just as Jesus had told {them,} and they gave them permission.

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They \*brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.

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And many spread their coats in the road, and others {spread} leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

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Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

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Blessed {is} the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!"

- *John's gospel is interesting and an honest confession. John 12:16 "These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and [that] they had done these things unto him."*
- *Hosanna = "Save, I Pray"*
- *Psalms 118:22-29*
- *Zachariah 9:9 " Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, even a colt, the foal of a donkey." Written 480 BC*
- *A Servant Keeps Divine Appointments. Do you have appointments made by God? Do you keep them?*

Mar 11:11 **2) Finding No Fruit (part 1)** vs 11-14

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.

- *The Crowds with Him as he entered the city.*
- *Probably went to the house of Mary Martha and Lazarus.*
- *Jesus knows a place that he is welcome. There is a home in Bethany. Is there a home in your community, neighborhood or subdivision where Jesus is welcome?*
- *Jesus is welcome at all hours.*

Mar 11:12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.

Mar 11:13 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.

Mar 11:14 He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.

- *Jesus being hungry sees a fig tree. He seeks the fruit from the tree. Mark points out that it was not the season for figs. At this time the fig tree only produces leaves.*
- *Ready in season and out*
- *Finding no figs Jesus curses the tree. This is a matter of appearance. Had the leaves with a promise of fruit but there is really no fruit. False Advertising.*
- *This is the last of 18 miracles in Mark's Gospel & yet this is the only one that Jesus uses to destroy.*
  - Demons Cast out Ch 1
  - Peter's Mother in Law Healed Ch 1
  - Many Healings Ch 1
  - A Leper Cleansed Ch 1
  - A Paralytic is Healed Ch 2
  - The Sea is Stilled Ch 4
  - Demons cast into Swine Ch 5
  - Woman w/ Issue of Blood Healed Ch 5
  - Jairus' Daughter Healed Ch 5
  - 5000 Fed Ch 6
  - Jesus Walks on Water Ch 6
  - Jesus Heals at Gennesaret Ch 6
  - Syro-Phoenician Woman Healed Ch 7
  - Deaf & Dumb Man Healed Ch 7
  - 4000 Fed Ch 8
  - A Blind Man Healed Ch 8
  - Fig Tree Cursed Ch 11
  - Jesus' Resurrection Ch 16
- *The fig tree is a picture of Israel (Judges 9:10; Hosea 9:10; Jeremiah 24; Joel 1)*
- *Is there an appearance that does not have any real fruit in your life?*

Mar 11:15 **3) Cleaning House** vs 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;

Mar 11:16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

- *The Temple property was rather large and in this area was the court of the Gentiles.*
- *The system of sacrifice was instituted by God with clear instructions of what animals, when, who, why how and was to be followed specifically.*
- *The selling & buying of animals was a convenience to the Jews and a business of the Chief Priests.*
  - *A convenience - The Jews didn't have to take a valuable asset of their livelihood and take it to the temple for sacrifice. All they had to do was take a little cash with them to buy a sacrifice.*
  - *A Business - the Chief Priests set up shop to provide the sacrifice animals and turn a profit. The sacrifice of God became an opportunist' good business. The money changers would exchange coinage of the Romans that had images on it and convert it to acceptable coinage.*
- *Where are the Temple Guards? Where are the Roman soldiers? Why wasn't Jesus arrested? Imagine the authority that was present in Jesus. No one crossed His actions.*

Mar 11:17 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."

- Mar 11:18 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.
- *Follow the Money. Jesus was disrupting the business. It has been calculated that Ciaphas was making upwards to 3 million dollars a year (by today's standard) It wasn't Ciaphas who was running this buisness but Annias and his sons.*
  - *The Chief Priests wanted to kill Him. Jesus was purifying the temple*
  - *Malachi 3:1-3 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. " says the LORD of hosts. "*
  - *What is Jesus overturning in your life?.*

Mar 11:19 **4) Finding No Fruit (part 2)** vs 19-26

When evening came, they would go out of the city.

Mar 11:20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots {up.}

- *Most trees that are withering start from the leaves. Plus it takes a little more time than 1 day.*
- *This tree is withered from the roots up. The roots are the source of life for the tree.*

Mar 11:21 Being reminded, Peter \*said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."

Mar 11:22 And Jesus \*answered saying to them, "Have faith in God.

Mar 11:23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be {granted} him.

- *This Mountain = something that is immovable*
- *But believes what he says is going to happen = The scriptures teach us it is not by our works of positive confession that things are accomplished.*
- *Zac 4:6 "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord"*
- *Luke 11:2 "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. "*
- *Jesus in Matt 26 "Not my will but thy will be done"*
- *Paul in 2 Cor 12:9+10 sought the Lord 3 times to remove an infirmity and the Lord's will was done, Not Paul's*
- *This is not a blank check to have anything you desire. My desire would lead me to the place of the money changers abusing the system and people for my selfish gain.*

Mar 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be {granted} you.

Mar 11:25 "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

- *Here the Lord reveals what was His focus when He spoke about an immovable mountain, praying, believing, and receiving.*
- *Speaking to His disciples. (those who have {ch 8:34} denied themselves, taken up their cross and followed Him)*
- *Jesus focus is on receiving forgiveness for yourself, and forgiving others.*

Mar 11:26 ["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

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## 5) Authority Questioned vs 27-33

They \*came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders \*came to Him,

- *These are the guys that wanted to destroy Jesus. (Mark 11:18)*

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and {began} saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?"

- *They are speaking with a sense of their own authority. But as we will see their authority is not from the same source as Jesus' authority.*

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And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and {then} I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

- *This is a typical rabbinical style of teaching/learning. Debate or argument*

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"Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me."

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**They {began} reasoning** among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'"

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"But shall we say, 'From men?'"--they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real prophet.

- *The authority these chief priests was a self authority. From within the realm of reason.*
- *These religious people were afraid of two things*
  - *The Truth from Heaven*
  - *The People*
- *These were the two things they were called to serve. The truth and the people. They were shying away from both.*
- *Reason - Scriptures show us to be cautious when using reason for justification for our actions.*
  - *2 Chron 20:15 Ammon, Moab the people of mount Seir was coming against Judah. Jehoshaphat became concerned and prayed/sought the Lord for help He proclaimed a public fast and said "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes [are] upon thee." All of Judah gathered and a prophet Jahaziel spoke, saying, "Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle [is] not yours, but God's. "*
  - *Mark 8:16+17 The disciples were reasoning among themselves about bread and Jesus told them not to reason in that manner saying, "Why reason ye" and then he corrected their perception.*
- *Now God made us in His image. He did not give us a mind to say it was evil and not to use it. Like Money, television, video games and music these things of themselves are not evil but the love of them can be and blind acceptance is evil. The Mind is not evil it is God given and is a divine creation when used according to the instructions of the creator.*
  - *Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:"*
  - *Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in thee"*
  - *Matt 22:37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."*
  - *Acts 17:11 speaks of receiving the Word with all readiness of mind.*
  - *Acts 20:19 Paul described his ministry that he served the Lord with all humility of mind.*
  - *Rom 1:8 God gives some over to their reprobate mind Reprobate = unfit not used properly*
  - *Rom Chapter 7 - 8 There is a battle over the mind*
  - *Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*
  - *1 Cor 2:16 "We have the mind of Christ"*
  - *Eph 4:17 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,"*
  - *Phil 2:5 "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ."*

- 2 Tim 1:7 *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. "*

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Answering Jesus, they \*said, "We do not know." And Jesus \*said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

- *Jesus didn't say He didn't know. He said He wasn't going to tell them. It would have been casting pearls before swine. They would not have believed it. "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*
- *Are you asking Jesus something and it seems He is not answering or diverting to another issue? Possibly He is trying to refocus you to what is really important, what you should really be concerned about.*

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