

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: Jeremiah and the Great Faithfulness of God—Jesus, Jeremiah, and the Cleansing of the Temple

Primary Text: Mark 11:1-25

Expanded Reading: Isaiah 56:3-7, Jeremiah 7:1-11

Big Idea: *On Palm Sunday Jesus enters Jerusalem, curses a fig tree, clears the temple, and quotes Jeremiah. All these things come together to cement Jesus's mission toward Israel.*

Review

What to you was the most significant teaching you recall from the message? What spoke to you?

In Focus

Re-read the Primary Text

- 1) *The people who welcome Jesus quote from Psalm 118, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Take a few minutes to read that Psalm now. Do you see other similarities to the life of Jesus?*
- 2) *Jesus doesn't condemn moneychangers, but where they are in the Temple (the court of the Gentiles). Can you think of any places where we get things similarly out of order? Where we obey God but in the wrong time and wrong place?*
- 3) *The lives of Jesus and Jeremiah are quite similar. Are there similarities that stand out to you? In what ways do they seem unlike to you?*
- 4) *Jesus is coming again to look for fruit. When you look at the three parables of Matthew 25, what kind of fruit do you think he wants from you in particular?*

Follow-up

Did the sermon raise any questions you wished you could ask?

Can you locate any potential answers to those questions in Scripture?

Mission

Many Christian moral teachings stand in opposition to our world; they set us apart from our neighbours. But, in line with the passage we've read today, the purpose of our moral lives is to help our neighbours to draw near to God. What are some ways that you can live out a faithful morality that helps God's mission?

Easter Sunday is a traditional day for many 'lapsed' or former Christians to come to church again. Do you have someone in your life you'd consider inviting to an Easter Sunday service? If you invite them, are you willing also to eat with them and follow up after church?

Next Week's Passage: Hebrews 11