



Devotion Info
Blind Religion

DAY 1 Read Mark 11:12-26

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*[15] 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; [16] and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.*

[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." [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.

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

*[20] As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. [21] Being reminded, Peter *said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." [22] And Jesus *answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. [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.*

[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.

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

Mark 11:12-26 NASB1995

- What does Mark 11:12-14 have to do with other events in the final days of Jesus earthly ministry?

Application:

- How has blind religion impacted your spiritual story of faith?

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DAY 2 Read Mark 11:26

[26] [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.]"
Mark 11:12-26 NASB1995

- When reading Mark 11:26, what is Jesus saying about Israel when it comes to loving and obeying God?

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Mark 11:12-14 NASB1995

- Why would Mark put the phrase "And His disciples were listening" at the end of verse 14?

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DAY 4 Read Mark 11:12-26, John 15:12

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Mark 11:12-26 NASB1995

[12] "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
John 15:12 NASB1995

- How do you see the passage in Mark 11 correlating with John 15:12?

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DAY 5 Read Luke 11:15-18

[15] But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." [16] Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven. [17] But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. [18] If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

Luke 11:15-18 NASB1995

- Why would Jesus turn over the tables of certain merchants, tables of money changers, and those who sold doves?

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