

The background of the image is a photograph of a dense forest. In the foreground, there are several tall, dark green evergreen trees with long, thin branches. The ground is covered in a thick layer of green, leafy plants and ferns. The lighting is soft, creating a misty atmosphere.

May – June Sermon Series

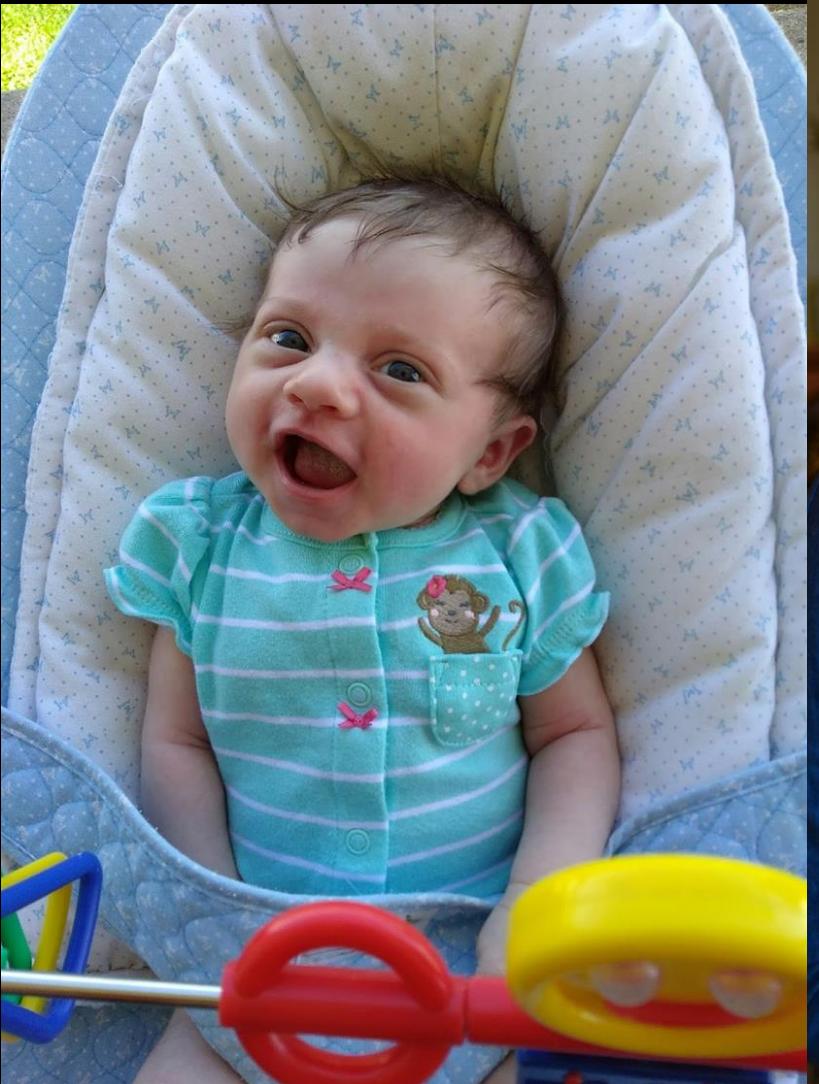
**be STRONG &
*courageous***

Joshua 1:9

Be Strong and
Courageous

What Now?!
Mark 11:11-25

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Mark 11:11-25

Structure of Mark

Ministry, Journey to Jerusalem, Passion

Context of Mark 11:11-25

End of Journey, Beginning of Passion

Mark 11:11-25

Fig Tree Cursed

Clear/Teach in Temple

Fig Tree Withered

Mark 11:11

Jesus entered Jerusalem and **went into the temple** courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.



Not “JUST” another building

- To Israel: Bless all the Nations (Abraham), Kingdom of Priests (Ex. 19:6)
- Tabernacle: To Dwell among them, King David asks to build a *Temple*.
- Solomon Builds 1st Temple ~832 BC Glory Falls (1 Kings 18:10)
- 1st Temple Destroyed by Babylonians ~587/6
- 2nd Temple RE-Built ~516 Glory DOES NOT Fall...

Mark 11:12-14



The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

Mark 11:15-16

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out **those who were buying and selling** there. He overturned the tables of the **money changers** and the benches of **those selling doves**, and would not allow **anyone to carry merchandise** through the temple courts.



Building



Bodies



BUDGET

Mark 11:17

And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

Isaiah 56:6, 7

And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
...minister to him, love the name of the LORD,
...be his servants...keep the Sabbath...
and who hold fast to my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in **my house of prayer.**

...

**for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”**

Jeremiah 7:4, 11

Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!”

Has this house, which bears my Name,
become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord



**Ministry is not meant to be a
Producer to Consumer
Contract.**

**Rather, it is Person to Person
Relationship.**

Church is Not a Hotel, But a Hospital



Mark 11:18-19

The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began **looking for a way to kill him**, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his **teaching**. When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

Mark 11:20-22



In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree **withered from the roots**. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.

Mark 11:23-24

“Truly I tell you, if anyone says **to this mountain**, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

The NOW WHAT of Jesus.

- Access to God is not lost when everything else is lost
- We will be in relationship with others. There will be hurt.
- The key to relationship with God is forgiveness, forgiveness of others.
- Who has authority on earth to forgive sins (Mk. 2:7)?
Jesus' followers now do....
- *To Be Jesus to others.*

GOD

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Each Other

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the **Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.**