

The Zeal of the Servant



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MARK 11:12-19 – MESSAGE #48

I. THE SERVANT'S HUMANITY



- (11:12) And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

II. THE SERVANT'S HINT



- (11:13) And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

Picture of a Fig Tree in Foliage



III. THE SERVANT'S HEARING



- (11:14) And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

Israel Compared to a Fig Tree

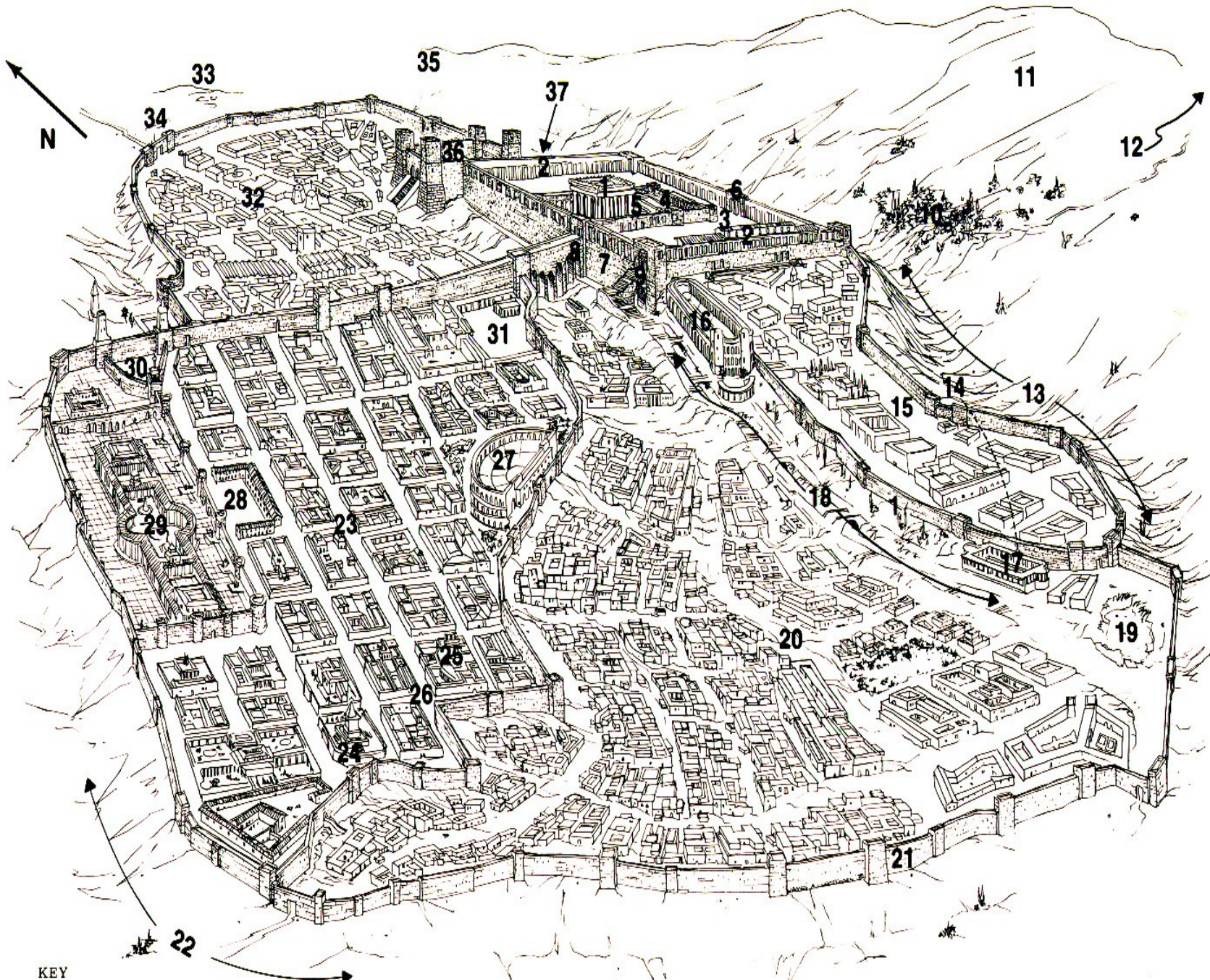


- Hosea 9:10, I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time:
- Zechariah 3:10, In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.
- Micah 7:1, Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe (fig) fruit.
- Israel compared to a vineyard in Mark 12:9.

IV. THE SERVANT'S HOSTILITY

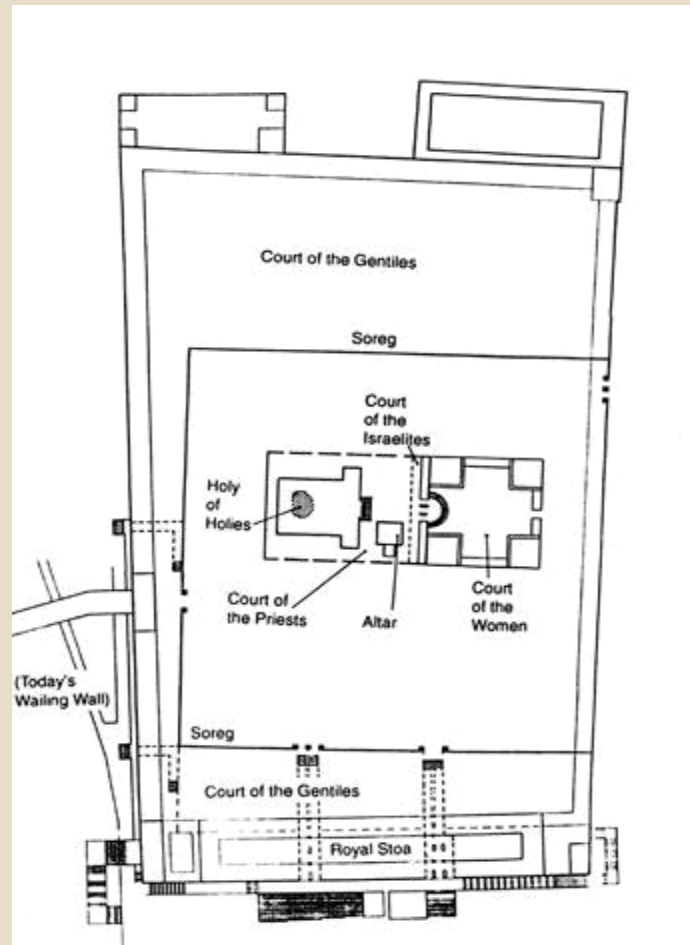


- (11:15-16) And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple,



KEY

Herod's Temple



The Court of the Gentiles



Four Things Jesus Did in the Temple



- (1) and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple,
- (2) and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers,
- (3) and the seats of them that sold doves;
- (4) And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

The Coming Messiah would Purify the Temple



- Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. ² But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: ³ And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. ⁴ Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

V. THE SERVANT'S HOUSE



- (11:17) And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Fulfillment of Prophecy



- Isaiah 56:7, Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
- Jeremiah 7:11, Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

VI. THE SERVANT HATED



- (11:18) And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

VII. THE SERVANT'S HOUR



- (11:19) And when even was come, he went out of the city.

LESSONS FOR DISCIPLES



1. Jesus was fully man and fully God. As a man, He identified with the human race and its needs. “He was hungry.”
2. Jesus used a variety of teaching methods to instruct His disciples.
3. Jesus demonstrated His authority over His creation. In this case, He showed His power over a plant. This illustrated His deity.
4. Jesus presented Himself on Sunday of the Passion Week as the King of the Jews and on Monday He presented Himself as the High Priest. In both cases He was claiming to be the Messiah.

LESSONS FOR DISCIPLES



5. Jesus demonstrated His hatred for hypocritical worship that seeks to exploit and/or hinder the worshiper.
6. Jesus is zealous regarding His house and honor.
7. Jesus despises worship being marketed by those whose motives are less than noble.
8. Jesus desires His creation to be fruitful and to fulfill its intended purpose.
9. Jesus desires His followers to be fruitful in passionate worship and prayer.
10. Jesus desires to have zealous followers that worship Him “in spirit and in truth.”

THE MESSAGE FOR SEEKERS



1. To acknowledge that Jesus is the God/Man, the one Mediator between God and man.
2. To realize that God's purpose for your existence is that you will know Jesus as your Lord and Savior and that you will love, serve and worship Him with all of your heart.
3. To be a fruitful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is seen by having a vital relationship with Christ established by faith and manifested by prayer, worship and obedience to Scripture.

Prayer for Seekers



Dear God:

I want to be a fruitful follower of Jesus Christ. Today, by faith, I turn from my sinful ways and turn to You for this new life. Please forgive me for my sins and help me to live a fruitful life as you intended for me. Help me cultivate this new relationship with You through prayer and the Word of God.

I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.