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Mark's Gospel: Act IV
The King Arrives In Jerusalem

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.*

Mark 11:1-11 Seeing Jesus as King

Jesus Enters the Capital City as a Victorious King
Notice Jesus looking around. What is He seeing?

Mark 11:12-25 Jesus Curses the Fig Tree and the Temple.

Mark 11:12-15 **Jesus sees a barren, clear fig tree and curses it.**
A green, leafy tree looks promising, but it is barren; Jesus goes away empty-handed.

Mark 11:16-20 **Jesus sees the Temple and cleanses it.**
The Temple is full of 'activity' and looking alive but is barren spiritually.

Mark 11:20-26 **Jesus sees the withered fig tree.**
"Live Roots" equal "Living Faith" – powerful, prayerful, and forgiving.

Mark 11:27 - 12:44 Jesus Answers Questions; They Get to See Him.

Mark 11:27-12:12 **Question 1: By what authority do you do "these things"?**
Chief Priest, Scribes and Elders vs. Jesus and a parable about authority.

Mark 12:13-17 **Question 2: Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?**
The Pharisees and Herodians vs. Jesus (see 3:6) and "Render unto Caesar."

Mark 12:18-27 **Question 3: At the Resurrection, whose wife will she be?**

Sadducees vs. Jesus and “the God of the living.”

Mark 12:28-34 Question 4: What is the greatest commandment?

Teacher of the Law vs. Jesus and “...you are not far from the Kingdom of God.”

Mark 12:34-44 Jesus Asks Questions; He Sees Their Hearts.

Jesus vs. those in the Temple Courts and “David’s Lord.”

Jesus vs. the Scribes and the widow’s offering.

Mark 13:1-37 The Temple Will Wither Like the Cursed Fig Tree

As they are leaving the Temple that Jesus has just cursed and declared dead, the disciples are impressed with its splendor and beauty!

Mark 13:9-13. ⁹ “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Mark 14:1-2 Conflict Fully Developed

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”