Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

II. The ***Sacrifice*** of the **Servant** (11:1-16:20)

A. His ***Triumphal*** Entry into **Jerusalem** – Sunday (11:1-11)

B. His ***Tempered*** **Response** to **Fruitlessness** and **Temple Impurity** – Monday (11:12-19)

1. The ***Cursing*** of the **Fruitless Fig Tree** (11:12-14)

12 On the **next day**, when they had left **Bethany**, **He** became **hungry**.

13 Seeing at a distance a **fig tree** in **leaf,**
He went *to see* if perhaps **He** would find **anything** on it;

and when **He** came to it, **He** found **nothing** but **leaves**,
for it was ***not*** the **season** for **figs**.

14 **He** said to it, "May **no one** ever **eat fruit** from you again!"
And **His disciples** were **listening.**

2. The ***Cleansing*** of the **Temple** (11:15-19)

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.

Corresponding Scriptures
Messiah's Parable of the **Fig Tree**

[6] And **He (Jesus)** *began* telling this **parable**:
"A **man** had a **fig tree** which had been **planted** in his **vineyard**;
and he came looking for **fruit** on it and did **not find any**.

[7] And he said to the **vineyard-keeper**, 'Behold, for ***three* years**
I have come looking for **fruit** on this **fig tree** without finding **any.**

Cut it down! Why does it even **use up** the ground?'

[8] And he answered and said to him, 'Let it **alone**, sir,
for **this year *too,*** until I **dig around it** and put in **fertilizer**;

[9] and if it **bears fruit** next year, ***fine*;** but if not, **cut it down**.'"(Luke 13:6-9)

Isaiah's Parable of the **Vineyard** (O.T.)

[3]"And now, O inhabitants of **Jerusalem** and men of **Judah**,
Judge between **Me** and **My vineyard**.

[4] "What more was there to do for **My vineyard** that I have not done in it?
Why, when I expected *it* to produce ***good* grapes**
did it produce ***worthless* ones**?

[5] "So now let **Me** tell you what I am going to do to **My vineyard**:
I will ***remove*** its **hedge** and it will be **consumed;**
I will ***break down*** its **wall** and it will become **trampled ground.**
[6] "I will lay it **waste**;..

For the **vineyard** of the **LORD of hosts** is the **house of Israel**
And the **men of Judah His delightful plant**.

Thus **He** looked for **justice**, but behold, **bloodshed**;
For **righteousness**, but behold, a **cry of distress**. (Isaiah 5:3-6a, 7)

Personal Application
As ***Believers*, we** are **Called** to be **Fruitful**

A. **Called** to ***bear*** **"fruit"** by **abiding** in **Messiah**

[4] **I am** the **true vine** and **My Father** is the **vinedresser**...

Abide in Me, and **I in you**.
As the **branch *cannot* bear fruit** of **itself** unless it **abides**
in the **vine**, so **neither** *can* you unless you **abide in Me**.

[5] **I am** the **vine**, **you** are the **branches**;
he who **abides in Me** and **I in him**, he **bears much fruit**,
for **apart** from **Me** you can **do *nothing*...**

My Father is **glorified** by this, that you **bear much fruit**,
and *so* **prove** to be ***My* disciples**. (John 15:1, 4-5, 8)

B. **Called** to ***bear*** **"fruit"** for **Life Eternal**

[35] Do you not say, 'There are yet **four months**, and *then* comes the **harvest**'?

Behold, **I (Messiah)** say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the **fields**,
that they are ***white* for harvest**.

[36] Already he who **reaps** is **receiving wages**
and is gathering **fruit** for **life eternal**;
so that he who ***sows*** and he who ***reaps*** may **rejoice together**. (John 4:35-36)

C. **Called** to ***bear*** **"fruits"** of **Righteousness**

[9] And this **I pray**, that your **love** may abound
still more and more in **real knowledge** and **all discernment**,

[10] so that you may ***approve*** the things that are **excellent**,
in order to be ***sincere*** and ***blameless*** until the **day of Messiah**;

[11] having been ***filled*** with the **fruit of righteousness** which *comes* through
Jesus the Messiah, to the ***glory*** and ***praise* of God**. (Philippians 1:9-11)

D. **Called** to ***bear*** the **"fruit"** of a **Spiritual Walk**

[6] But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will **not** carry out the **desire** of the **flesh**...

...the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness**,
faithfulness, [23] **gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is ***no law***.
(Galatians 5:16, 22-23)

As ***Believers,*** **we** are to keep the **"temple"** of our **body free** from **Defilement**

[19] Or do you not know that **your *body*** is a **temple** of the **Holy Spirit** who **is in you**,
whom you have **from God,** and that you are not **your own**?

[20] For you have been ***bought*** with a **price**:
therefore **glorify God** in **your body**. (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

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[3] For this is the **will of God**, your **sanctification**;
that is, that you **abstain** from **sexual immorality**;

[4] that each of you know how to **possess** his **own *vessel*** (body)
in **sanctification** and **honor**, (I Thessalonians 4:3-4)

Therefore I urge you, **brethren**, by the **mercies of God**,
to present **your bodies** a ***living*** and ***holy*** **sacrifice**,
acceptable to God, *which is* your **spiritual service** of **worship**.
(Romans 12:1-2)

Closing Comments