



# HURRICANE JESUS

Mark 11:1-19 | Ryan Pfeiffer | February 5, 2023

**FOCUS:** There are three key movements that take us deeper into understanding Jesus' Leadership.

- ❖ Riding on colt. vss 1-11
- ❖ Prophesying through a Fig Tree. vss 12-14
- ❖ Overturning of the Money tables. vss 15-19

**FIRST MOVEMENT:** Riding in on a colt.

(1) What's interesting is the detail in HOW Jesus gets the colt.

- v3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"
- Jesus knows there's a colt waiting for him... and everything unfolds just as he says.

How did he know?... Either way... Jesus has a plan — He's in Control.

(2) Colt —> young horse or donkey. Not random. An Intentional signal.

- Zechariah 9:9. Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Clearly people catch the symbolism... throwing out cloaks/branches/ shouts... v10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

When he enters the temple... amidst PRAISE/ HYPE... simply looks/ leaves.

There's a calmness— intentionality— Jesus has a plan— Jesus is in control.

A picture of how Jesus leads us in the turbulent times of our world

Jesus is not distracted by either the **PRAISE** of the Crowd or the **PLOTS** of the Pharisees/ Chief Priests v18.

- PRAISE reps—> our hunger for popularity, power and control.
- PLOTS reps—> those powers that threaten us to hide, fight, worry.

Jesus does neither— he stays the course with his Father's purpose.

False religion wants to offer us control over our world so we feel bigger/ safer

The Way of Jesus leads us to surrender control to Jesus. Stay on his Purpose

**SECOND MOVEMENT.** Prophesying through the Fig Tree.

14 Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

1. v12 Jesus is hungry... vs 13 Jesus looks for Fruit on the fig tree.
2. v13 There should have been unripe figs (paggim)

Is this Jesus having a HANGRY tantrum and killing a tree?  
It's an intentional prophetic act. Jesus setting the Stage.

Structured in a Sandwich :

A1- Curses Fig Tree

B- Cleanses Temple

A2- Fig tree withered.

The tree became a perfect metaphor... for those claiming to be God's people but who do not bear fruit for him. —Tim Keller.

Reminds me of Gen 3:7 "...they sewed fig leaves... made coverings..."  
What is wrong with what's happening at the Temple?

**THIRD MOVEMENT:** The overturning of the Tables. 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.'"

1. This is **MY HOUSE!**
2. Court of Gentiles—> **ALL NATIONS** to pray and encounter God
3. You have replaced prayer and God's presence with **PROFITEERING**.

My house will be called a house of prayer... Isaiah 56. Justice - Foreigners  
Den of robbers.. Jer 7 Where God is angry about the injustice to Foreigners

The Temple was meant — be where outsiders became insiders with God.  
Through the animal sacrifices — to teach that NO ONE is above anyone else  
Everyone comes on the same footing... in need of God's grace and healing.  
But used that system to create a hierarchy— for their own profit, security, and control.  
Men—> Women—> Gentiles.

Jesus came to RESTORE the true purpose of God's people on earth.

To help the outsider become an insider with God...

- (1) The Leper who touched Jesus!
- (2) The demoniac - abandoned in the tombs.. not worth a \$\$ herd of pigs
- (3) The Tax collectors Jesus ate with ... Pharisees... WHY!?
- (4) To allow a bleeding unclean woman to touch him... call her daughter
- (5) Gentile woman (disciples barred) ... Jesus healed her daughter.
- (6) Disciples see a guy casting demons out... He's not with us!
- (7) Arguing about who's greatest... Become a servant.
- (8) Last—> First. First—> Last. (3X's)
- (9) Children... Disciples barred... Jesus... Become like a child!
- 10) Bartimaeus... Calling out... Shut up! ... Jesus welcomes him.

What does this have to do with Jesus' Cross?

Jesus becomes an outsider in order to make us an insider.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ...