

1 O-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON *Monday* Mark 11:12-19

Before watching the video: What do you already know about the events of Jesus' final week? This may include remembrances of church services or Sunday School classes, or what you've seen portrayed on TV or in movies. Have you ever compared what you've been told or what you've seen with what the Gospels say? Keep what you've previously learned in mind for comparing as you move through this study.

Now read the passage twice. Take your time to notice every sentence and phrase. What stands out to you?

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

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After watching the video: What do you think about the information shared about temple practices, and the dynamics between the Roman Empire and the temple priesthood? Consider how Jesus' demonstration in the temple could have helped lead to his arrest. Does this differ at all with what you've previously thought about how or why people decided to do so?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."