

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Crown and **Cross** of Christ

## Chapter 11

We study Scripture to know God, not just know about Him. God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good so challenge yourself to read the Word everyday and read it relationally. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

*Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.*

### DAY 1

*Read : Psalm 78 & Mark Chapter 11. What stands out to you? Who are the major characters in this chapter? What settings are they in? What questions do you have?*

*What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about man? How does it communicate the Gospel? What commands are there to follow? What sins are there to repent of? How you can apply this text to your life today? (continue to think through these questions everyday as you read and study)*

### DAY 2

Read Psalm 79 and Mark Chapter 11 from different perspectives- Jesus, the disciples, Pharisees, people Jesus is serving, etc. and answer these questions for each.

What are they doing? What were they feeling? What were their intentions or what were they intended to do?

### DAY 3

*Read Psalm 80, Mark Chapter 11*

What attitudes and/or actions are being addressed? How should you respond? Take time to pray and ask God to help you in these areas. Share with a brother/sister in Christ and invite them to come alongside you.

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### DAY 4

*Read Psalm 81, Mark 11:1-25*

On the way to the cross, Jesus continued to defy the idea of how the people imagined a King, and took opportunities to teach what it means to follow Christ and enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, contrary to how people thought a king would enter.

- What is one example of how Jesus surprised you in your own life? How is that a testament to who He is?

In verses 12-14, then again in verses 20-25, Jesus uses a fig tree to teach the disciples. The fig tree should have produced two types of fruit- nodules (which are eatable and were in season) and figs. If the tree was producing just leaves, something was wrong with the tree. Growth without fruit is a sign of decay. from *Jesus the King* by Tim Keller

- Jesus curses the fig tree for not producing fruit. Why is the fruit of our lives so important to Jesus? How do we have fruit without falling into the traps of legalism or works based salvation?
- What is some of the fruit you have seen in your life? What are some areas that you would like to see more fruit? Spend time in prayer over those things.

### DAY 5

*Read the Psalm 82 and Mark 11 one more time and watch the teaching.*

### DAY 6

*Read Psalm 83 and pray*

### DAY 7

*Read Psalm 84 and spend time in prayer before gathering with your House Church.*

*Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.*

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church. "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

*Resources- for more study resources, go to [www.thebridgetx.org/resources](http://www.thebridgetx.org/resources)*