

GO DEEPER

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How does the image of Jesus as a humble king contrast with Caesar or Herod? How does it contrast with modern leaders?

Skim Zech 9:10-17 - Who accomplishes the promised salvation?
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Why does Mark alternate between Temple stories and Fig stories? How does Mark's use of literary structure help us understand what is happening?

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What was Jesus looking for when he went to the Temple?
What would a "fruitful" Temple and Israel look like?

Read Isaiah 5:1-7 & Jeremiah 8:8-13
How do these passages help make sense of Jesus cursing the tree?

The Temple was understood to be the place where Heaven and Earth meet, where humans could directly encounter the presence of God.
Why was Jesus upset by what was happening in the Temple?
Why does the incarnation of Jesus make the Temple redundant?
Read 1Kings 8:27 - Could the Temple ever have served as the full and final dwelling place for God, or was it always a temporary house?

What does this passage teach us about mission and outreach?

What are ways the modern church and Christians have become barriers to people encountering Jesus instead of being temples bringing the presence of Christ?
How can we repent of these things?
What would fruitfulness look like?
Close by praying for Jesus to have mercy on us and to make us (as his Church) fruitful trees and faithful temples.

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