

Matthew 21:18-22 **Fig Tree Cursed**

18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." And immediately the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" 21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ After cleansing the Temple, Jesus went out to Bethany where He spent the night. [Matthew 21:17]
- ✚ Coming back to the Temple in Jerusalem from Bethany, Jesus was hungry and came to a fig tree by the road, finding nothing but leaves on it He cursed it. [Matthew 21:18-19, Mark 11:12-14, 20-21]
- ✧ The body of Jesus was quite human and could feel hunger. [Matthew 4:2, 21:18, Mark 11:12, Luke 4:2]
- ✧ The **fruit** of a **fig tree** comes on before the leaves, so if there were leaves on the tree, it should have had fruit.
- ✧ Jesus had previously demonstrated His power to quiet a storm, to walk on water, to heal the sick, to forgive sins, and to raise the dead and over demons as He cast out demons. Now He demonstrated that He has power over living vegetation as He cursed the fig tree and it withered immediately.
- ✧ This is additional evidence that Jesus is indeed the Yehowah of the Old Testament, the God of Israel, the creator and sustainer of all things. [John 1:3, 10, Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:16-18, Hebrews 1:2]
- ✧ Jesus has power over everything that lives and over the elements. [Acts 17:25, Job 12:9-10]
- ✚ The disciples marveled at the results of the curse and the withering of the tree. [Matthew 21:20, Mark 11:20-21]
- ✚ Jesus made it a demonstration of the power of true undoubting faith. [Matthew 21:21, 17:20, Mark 11:22-24, Luke 17:6]
- ✧ If you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.
- ✧ And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. [Matthew 21:22, Mark 9:23, 11:22-24, John 14:12-14, 15:7, 16, 16:23-24, Matthew 18:19, James 1:5-6, 1 John 3:22, 5:14-15]