

# Into the Life of Jesus

## A study in the gospel of Mark

### Study #18 – Lent

#### Review of last week: Mark 10:32-45

As we think back to Scott's teaching, what stood out to you? Was there something that hit home, challenged, or encouraged you? What questions are you left with and what do you need to do with them?

#### Our passage this week focuses in on Mark 11:1-18

Take a moment to pray before you read, and ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to hear God's Word. Then, read the passage aloud a few times. And just for something different, have each person who is reading stand as they go over their particular translation. Allow the diaphragm to do its' work. Breathe from the belly, speak the words clearly, pause and give emphasis where needed. Listen intently and work at thinking deeply.

In this passage we Jesus is presented to us in his roles as King, Prophet and Priest.

- What is the significance of Jesus riding on a colt/donkey into Jerusalem?
  - What were the crowds likely expecting of Jesus, and how are our expectations often similar?
  - What would it look like for us to treat Jesus as our Saving King?
- In his commentary on Mark, R.C. Sproul writes, "The Jews hoped that the Messiah would cleanse the temple **of** Gentiles, but Jesus cleansed the temple **for** the Gentiles."
  - How does Jesus show both judgement and mercy in these verses?
  - How does God show judgement and mercy in your own life?
  - Where in your life has God used a difficult season to bring forth good fruit in you?
- In his role as Prophet Jesus condemns a seemingly innocent fruit tree. What might he be getting at with this enacted parable?
  - Take a minute to do a little online research to learn about how a fig tree fruits. Check out is [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org) . Does anything you've learned help you make sense of what Jesus was doing in this moment?
- Take a moment to consider God's fruit in your own life.
  - What fruit can you celebrate? What fruit is missing?
  - How is being challenged to bear fruit, good news?
    - Read **John 15:1-8** together – and pray into what calls out to you.

**Pray together:** *Dear Lord, help us to trust you in the daily experiences of life, and give us wisdom and faith to honor and seek your good fruit in all things.*

