

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 11

What we will see in this chapter:

- The significance of Jesus riding into Jerusalem
- What Jesus thought about the temple and how it was being used
- Important characteristics of his followers
- Different people's attitudes to Jesus

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 8	1. How did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?	He rode on a young donkey.
9 to 11 <i>*Text note: They were quoting Psalm 118 v 26.</i>	2. What did the people *say as Jesus rode into Jerusalem?	They said "Hosanna! *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
12 to 14	3. What did Jesus look for on the fig tree and what did he then do?	He looked for fruit and found nothing. He then cursed the tree.
15 & 16	4. What did Jesus do in the temple?	Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ threw the traders out ➤ overturned the money changers' tables and the seats of the dove sellers ➤ stopped them carrying containers through the temple
17 <i>*Text note: Jesus was quoting Isaiah 56 v 7 and Jeremiah 7 v 11.</i>	5. What did Jesus *say about the temple and why?	Jesus said the temple should have been a house of prayer, as written in their Scriptures, but it had become a den of thieves because of how the Jews were using it.
18	6. What was the reaction of the chief priests and scribes?	They wanted to destroy him. But they were afraid of him because the people were impressed by what he taught.

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19 to 24	7. What was Jesus' response to Peter's comment on seeing the withered fig tree?	Jesus told them to have faith in God and pray without doubting.
25 & 26	8. What did Jesus say about forgiveness?	We must forgive others if we want God to forgive us.
27 to 33	9. What did Jesus say about his authority when challenged by the leaders?	He refused to answer them directly. He asked them about their opinion of John [the Baptist], implying that his authority was similar to John's – from God.

3 Related theme from v 25: *Forgiveness by God and Christ depends on our forgiveness.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Matthew 6 v 14 and 15	Jesus says God will forgive us if we forgive others.
Matthew 7 v 2	Jesus says we will be judged in the same way we judge others.
Ephesians 4 v 32	We must be kind and forgiving to others just as God has forgiven us.
Colossians 3 v 13	We must forgive each other just as Christ has forgiven us.
James 2 v 13	We will receive no mercy if we show no mercy.