Bearing Fruit

Matthew 21:18-46

- I. The Fig Tree Withered (verses 18-19)
 - A. Figs: not just for Newtons (1 Kings 4:25)
 - B. Where's the fruit? (Luke 13:6-9; Jeremiah 8:10-13)
 - C. Called to bear fruit
- II. Faith to Move Mountains (verses 20-22)
 - A. How did that happen?
 - B. A much-abused teaching
 - C. What is the Bible about?
 - D. Jesus came to turn the world upside down (Isaiah 40:4; Psalm 46:1-3)
- III. Where Does Jesus Get His Authority? (verses 23-27)
 - A. The Passover powderkeg
 - B. How dare you? (Matthew 10:16)
 - C. From heaven or from man?
- IV. The Parable of the Two Sons (verses 28-32)
 - A. Two ways to be (Luke 15)
 - B. Which did the will of his father?
 - C. People in the kingdom are not who you expect (Matthew 9:9)
- V. The Parable of the Tenants (verses 33-41)
 - A. Much worse
 - B. Time to pay the rent
 - C. Killing the prophets and soon the Son (Matthew 23:37)
- VI. The Cornerstone (verses 42-46)
 - A. A Bible lesson (Psalm 118:22-23)
 - B. Masons and stones
 - C. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25; Daniel 2)