

What Jesus Thinks of the Show Mark 11:12-25

A Big Danger ... That the Christian life becomes all about the _____—a kind of production of keeping up _____ with going-through-the-motions kind of living. Matthew 15:8-9, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me."

The BIG Idea ... Authentic worship is driven by God's _____ alone and given to God's _____ alone.

A Fig Tree (verses 12-14)

- It looks so good. It's leafed-out so beautifully, but it's _____.
- That's why Jesus _____ the tree: "May no one ever eat fruit from you again."
- Within 24 hours, the tree is _____ away to its roots (see verse 20).
- This is the most misunderstood miracle Jesus ever performs, because this is the _____ miracle Jesus ever performs.
- This miracle is a _____—an object lesson.
- In the Old Testament, the fig tree is a _____ for _____.
- This fig tree is a picture of the fruitless _____ occurring in the _____.
- It's all about how the tree _____ rather than the fruit the tree _____. It's all about the _____ rather than the _____.

Application: Are we driven by God's grace and given to God's glory in everyday life?

The Temple (verses 15-19)

- This is the worship _____ of Israel—where so many people are engaging in so much religious activity.
- But the _____ thing that's missing from the Temple is the most important thing—_____ has left the building.
- Passover has become a weeklong _____ convention.
- God intended the Temple to be a place of _____ and _____, not just for the Jews—for all the nations.
- But it's not that—at all. That's _____ Jesus is overturning tables and chairs. Psalm 69:9, "Zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me."
- Stand in awe of the unilateral _____ of Jesus and the deep _____ of Jesus. When Jesus stops the Temple in its tracks, He shows mercy to the people by sitting down to teach them. Isaiah 56:7, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
- The crowds are _____ at Jesus and taken by Jesus, while the chief priests are conspiring to _____ Jesus.

Applications:

- God doesn't just care that He's worshiped; He cares _____ He's worshiped.
- Our lives are to be driven by God's _____ alone and given to God's glory alone.

The Lessons (verses 20-25)

1. Authentic worship is faith in the _____ of God, which is expressed through _____ to God.
2. Authentic worship is grasping the grace of God, which is expressed through _____ others in the same way God has forgiven us. 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."