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Men's Fellowship Breakfast



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Message and Structure of Mark:

The Gospel of Mark shows us how to serve and suffer like our Savior.

I. Jesus came to serve (Mark 1-11).

II. Jesus came to suffer (Mark 12-16).

Key Verse: Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



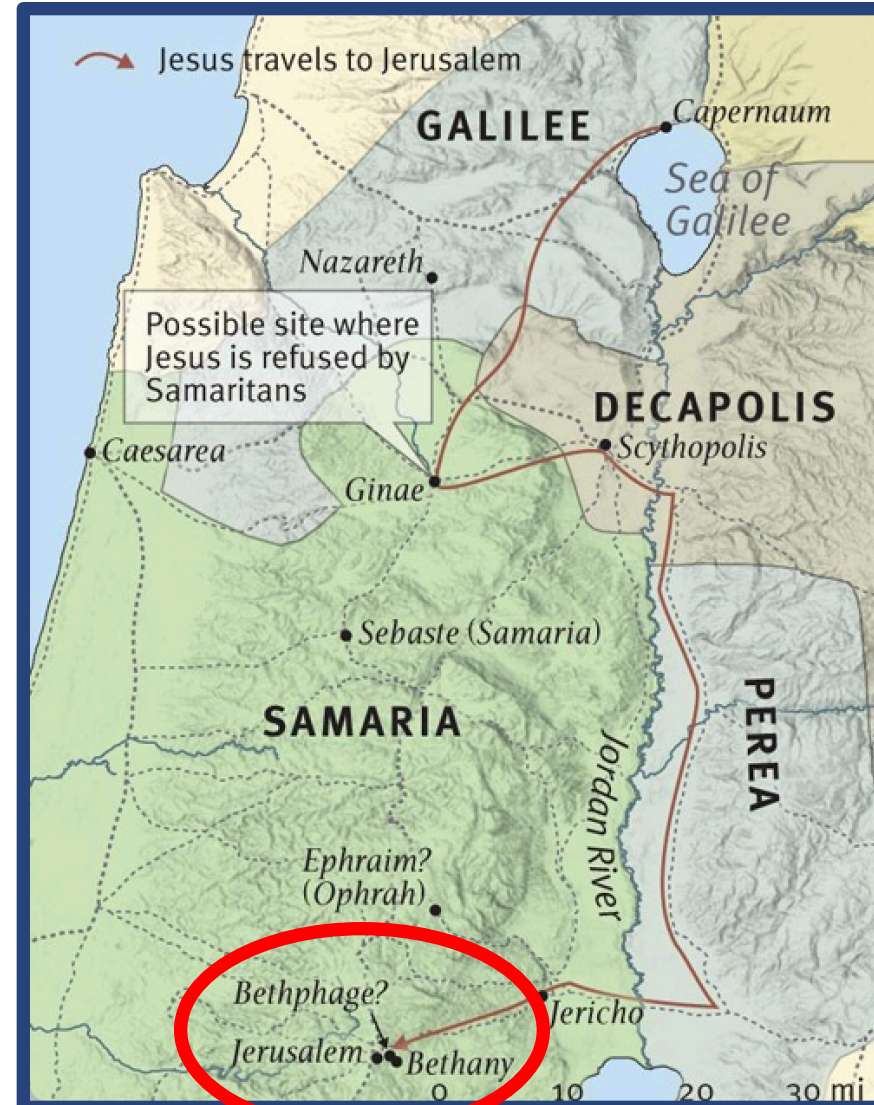
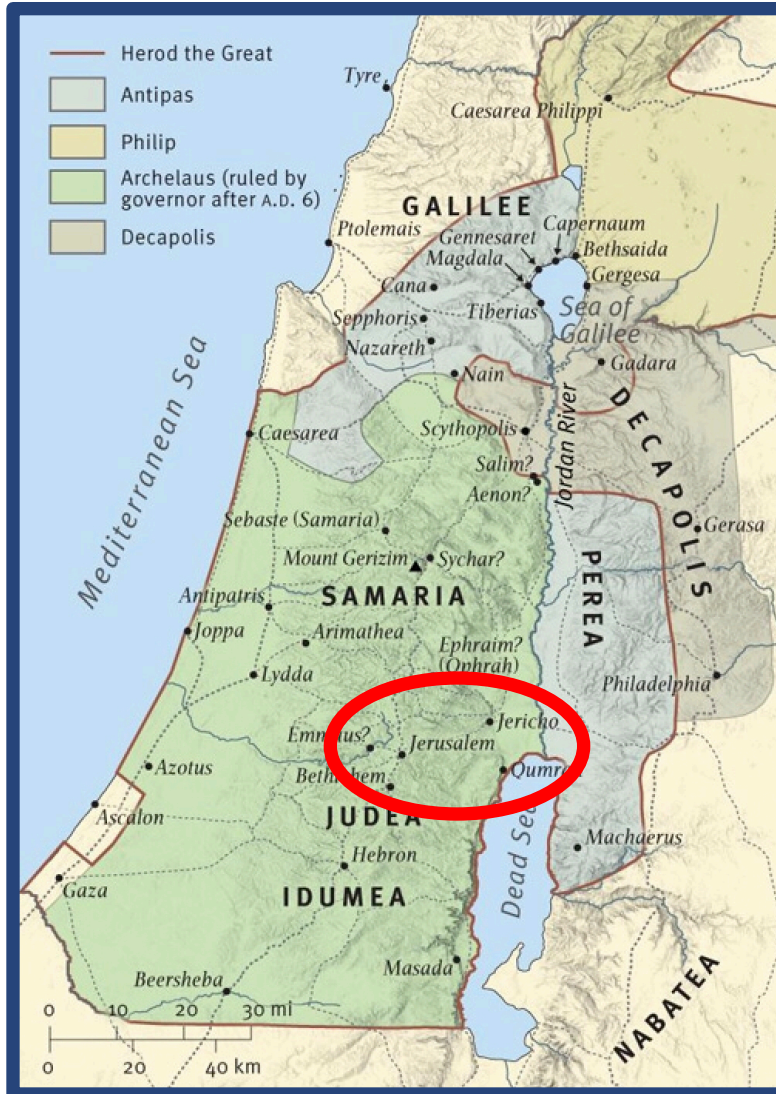
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Mark 11:20-33

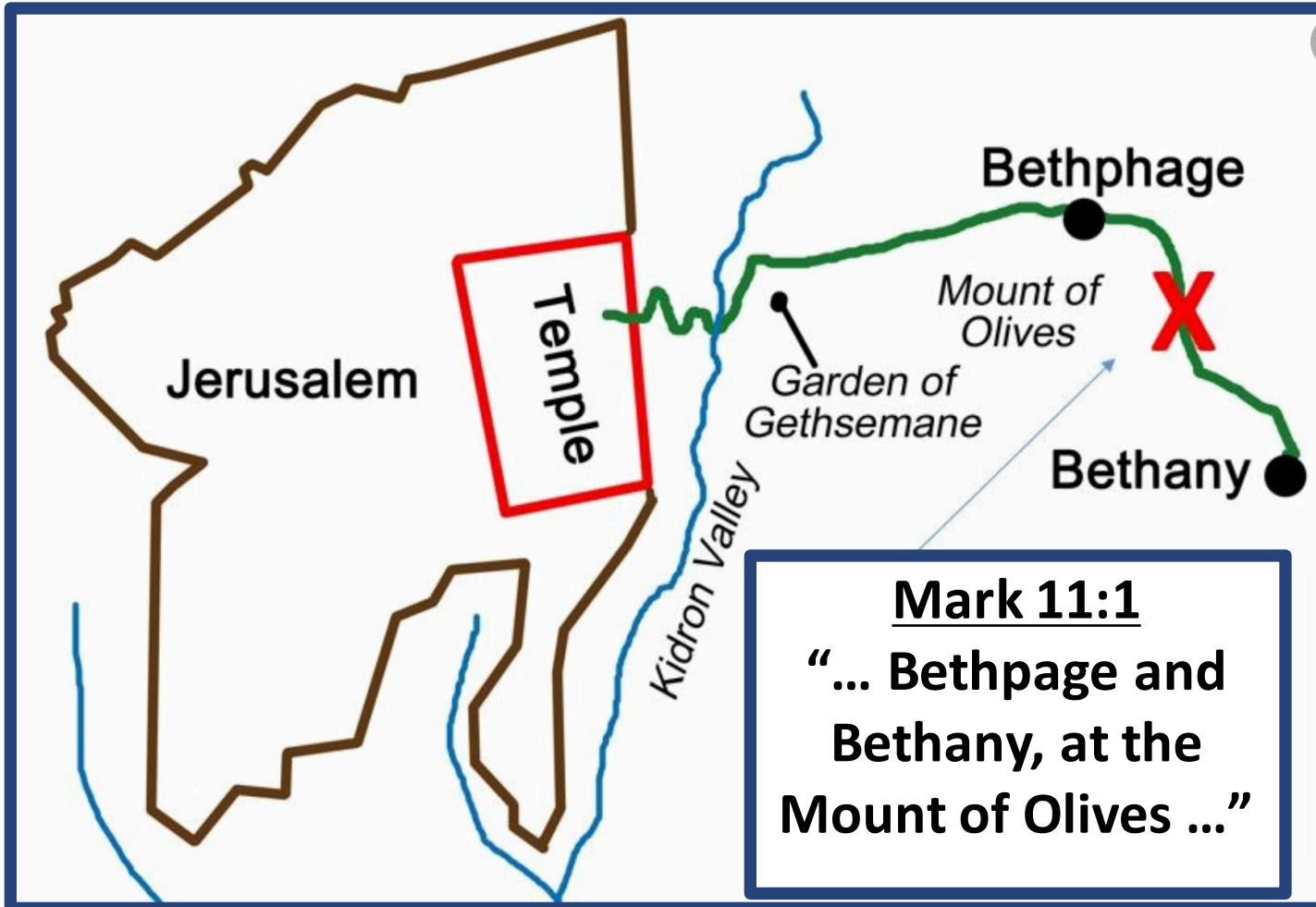
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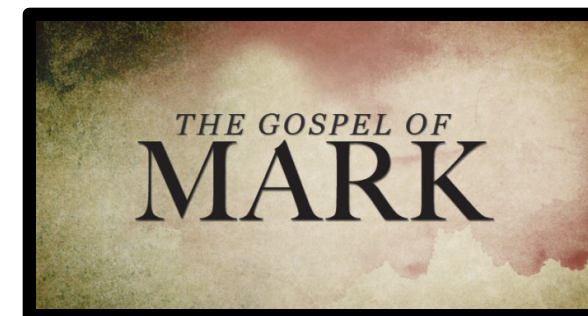
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- Mark's gospel of action *slows ... way ... down ...*
- **Chs. 1-10 = 3 years**
- **Chs. 11-16 = 1 week!**
- Events take place in **Jerusalem**

Outline of Mark 11:20-33

- 1) The Fig Tree, Part 2 (*11:20-25*)**
- 2) Who's in Charge Here? (*11:27-33*)**



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Fig tree

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“Jesus presupposed that overcoming the difficulty in view was God’s will. A true disciple of Jesus would hardly pray for anything else (*Matt. 6:10*). The person praying can therefore believe that what he requests will happen because it is God’s will. He will neither doubt God’s ability to do what he requests, since God can do anything, nor will he doubt that God will grant his petition, since it is God’s will. He will not have a divided heart about this matter.”

- **David DeGraaf, Some Doubts about Doubt**

1) The Fig Tree, Part 2 (*Mark 11:20-25*)

John 14:13-14

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

1) The Fig Tree, Part 2 (*Mark 11:20-25*)

Matthew 6:12, 14

“And forgive us our debts, *as we also have forgiven our debtors*’ ... For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive yours.”

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, *forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

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Key Idea:

When you pray: *Embrace faith and extend forgiveness.*

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us

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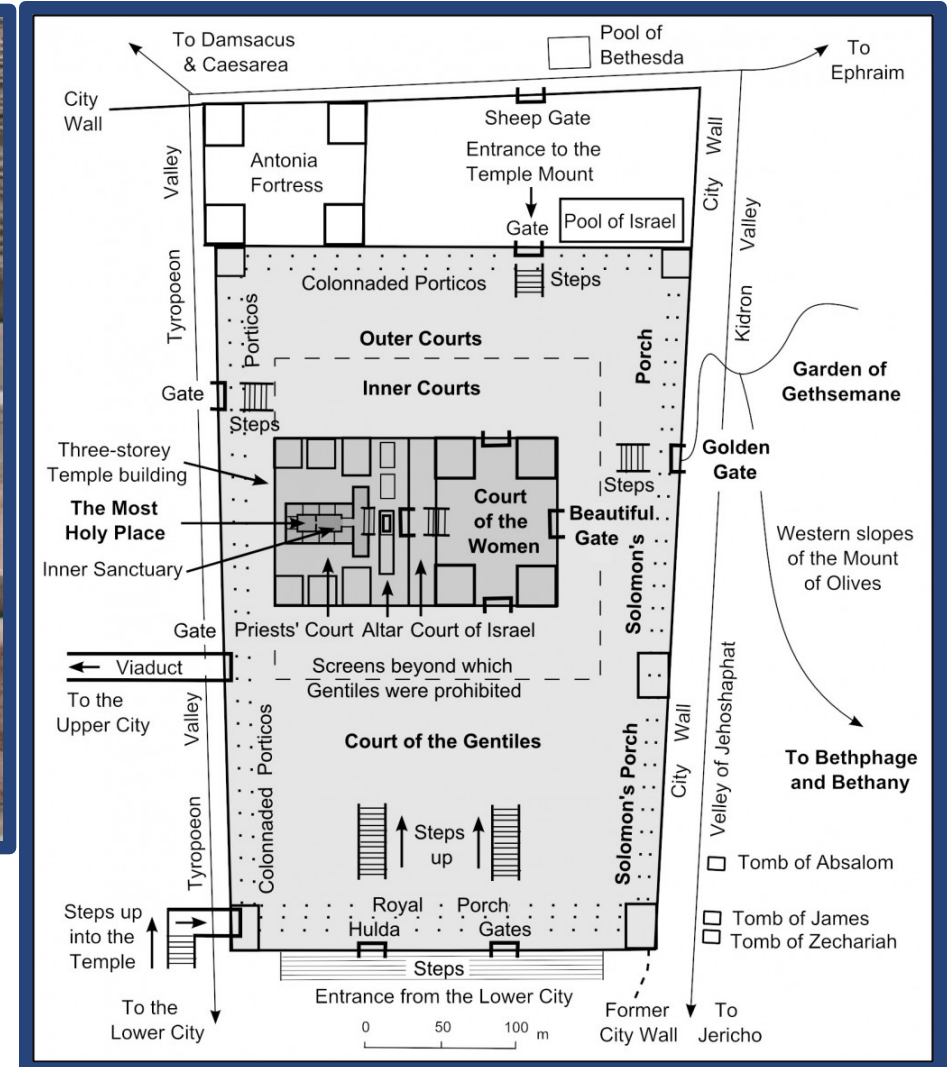
TABLE DISCUSSION:

- *Does Jesus' "fig tree prayer" challenge you or encourage you?*
- *Have you ever forgiven others when I pray? How might this practice change your prayer life?*

2) Who's in Charge Here? (11:27-33)



Herod's Temple in the time of Jesus.



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Question: *By what authority are you doing these things ...?*

Answer: *Remember Mark 1:9-11!*

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Very few questions could have so completely revealed the wicked intentions of the religious leaders. Jesus' question revealed the motivation of the religious leaders and exposed them for what they really were—hypocrites. They indicted themselves when they cited only two options and chose neither of them (“We do not know”). The point of Mark 11:27-33 is that no matter what Jesus said in response to their question they were not going to believe it and would in the end use it against him.

- **NET Bible Study Note**

2) Who's in Charge Here? (11:27-33)

Key Idea: Be aware (and Beware) of questioning Jesus' authority.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them, "*All authority* in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

2) Who's in Charge Here? (11:27-33)

TABLE DISCUSSION:

- *Where do you question or doubt the authority of Jesus in your life?*

Mark 11:20-33

“Fig Tree Prayers”

- 1) When you pray: *Embrace faith and extend forgiveness.***
- 2) Be aware (and Beware) of questioning Jesus’ authority.**



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