

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Mark 11:12-33

If we were all to compete in something, what would you most likely win at (no false modesty please)?

1. To your thinking, why is the lesson of the cursing of the barren fig tree in this place of Scripture?
2. Why do you suppose Jesus cleanses the temple after cursing the barren fig tree? Do you suppose there is a connection?
3. Read Exodus 12:15. Do you suppose this has something to do with Jesus' cleansing of the temple?
4. Read verse 18. Isn't this behavior exclusively forbidden in Exodus 20:13? Please comment on why you think that the scribes and the chief priests believe it to be okay?
5. Read verses 20-24

"This promise of God's answer to the prayer made in faith was made to disciples, not to the multitude. "Nor should we interpret Mark 11:24 to mean, ' If you pray hard enough and really believe, God is obligated to answer your prayer no matter what you ask.' That kind of faith is not faith in God; rather it is nothing but faith in faith, or faith in feelings." -Wiersbe

6. The above quote is Warren Wiersbe's commentary on Mark 11:24. Do you agree with; or disagree with this statement? Why, or why not?
7. Read verses 25 and 26. Why are they placed where they are?
8. Why is authority important to you?