

Passion Week—Cursing the Fig Tree (Monday, March 30, 33)

Matthew 21:18–19a	Mark 11:12–14
<p>18 Now early in the morning, <i>as he</i> was returning to the city, he was hungry.</p> <p>19a And seeing a single fig tree by the road, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves only.</p> <p>And he said to it, “May there be no more fruit from you forever,</p>	<p>12 And on the next day <i>as they</i> were departing from Bethany, he was hungry.</p> <p>13 And <i>when he</i> saw from a distance a fig tree that had leaves, he went <i>to see</i> if perhaps he would find anything on it. And <i>when he</i> came up to it he found nothing except leaves, because it was not the season for figs.</p> <p>14 And he responded <i>and</i> said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you any more forever!” And his disciples heard <i>it</i>.</p>

Passion Week—Second Cleansing of the Temple (Monday, March 30, 33)

Matthew 21:12–13	Mark 11:15–19	Luke 19:45–48
<p>12 And Jesus entered the temple <i>courts</i> and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those who were selling doves.</p> <p>13 And he said to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ [Isa 56:7] but you have made it a cave of robbers!” [Jer 7:11]</p>	<p>15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered into the temple <i>courts</i> and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple <i>courts</i>, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those who were selling doves.</p> <p>16 And he did not permit anyone to carry objects through the temple <i>courts</i>.</p> <p>17 And he began to teach and was saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations,’ but you have made it a cave of robbers!”</p> <p>18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard <i>it</i>, and began considering how they could destroy him. For they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was astounded by his teaching.</p> <p>19 And when evening came they went out of the city.</p>	<p>45 And he entered into the temple <i>courts</i> and began to drive out those who were selling,</p> <p>46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘And my house will be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a cave of robbers!”</p> <p>47 And he was teaching every day in the temple <i>courts</i>, and the chief priests and the scribes and the most prominent men of the people were seeking to destroy him.</p> <p>48 And they did not find anything they could do, because all the people were paying close attention to <i>what</i> they were hearing from him.</p>

Passion Week—Lesson of the Fig Tree (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:19b–22	Mark 11:20–26
<p>19b and the fig tree withered at once.</p> <p>20 And <i>when they</i> saw <i>it</i>, the disciples were astonished, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”</p> <p>21 And Jesus answered <i>and</i> said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will do not only <i>what was done to</i> the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen!</p> <p>22 And</p>	<p>20 And <i>as they</i> passed by early in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.</p> <p>21 And Peter remembered <i>and</i> said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered!”</p> <p>22 And Jesus answered <i>and</i> said to them, “Have faith in God!</p> <p>23 Truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be <i>done</i> for him.</p> <p>24 For this <i>reason</i> I say to you,</p>

<p>whatever you ask in prayer, <i>if you</i> believe, you will receive.”</p>	<p>whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received <i>it</i>, and it will be <i>done</i> for you. 25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive <i>him</i>, so that your Father who <i>is</i> in heaven will also forgive you your sins.” 26 [<i>this verse is not in the best manuscripts</i>]</p>
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Passion Week—Jesus’ Authority Challenged (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:23–27	Mark 11:27–33	Luke 20:1–8
<p>23 And <i>after</i> he arrived at the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him <i>while he</i> was teaching, saying, “By what authority are you doing these <i>things</i>? And who gave you this authority?” 24 And Jesus answered <i>and</i> said to them, “I also will ask you one question. If you tell <i>the answer</i> to me, I also will tell you by what authority I am doing these <i>things</i>. 25 From where was the baptism of John—from heaven or from men?” And they began to discuss <i>this</i> among themselves, saying, “If we say ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘From men,’ we are afraid of the crowd, because they all look upon John as a prophet.” 27 And they answered <i>and</i> said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these <i>things</i>.”</p>	<p>27 And they came again to Jerusalem. And <i>as</i> he was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came up to him 28 and said to him, “By what authority are you doing these <i>things</i>, or who gave you this authority that you do these <i>things</i>?” 29 So Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these <i>things</i>. 30 The baptism of John—was <i>it</i> from heaven or from men? Answer me!” 31 And they began to discuss <i>this</i> with one another, saying, “What should we say? If we say ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From men’—they were afraid of the crowd, because they all looked upon John as truly a prophet. 33 And they replied to Jesus saying, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these <i>things</i>.”</p>	<p>1 And it happened that on one of the days <i>while</i> he was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes approached together with the elders 2 and said, saying to him, “Tell us, by what authority you are doing these <i>things</i>, or who is the one who gave you this authority? 3 And he answered <i>and</i> said to them, “I also will ask you a question, and you tell me: 4 The baptism of John—was <i>it</i> from heaven or from men? 5 And they discussed <i>this</i> with one another, saying, “If we say ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ 6 But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us to death, because they are convinced <i>that</i> John was a prophet.” 7 And they replied <i>that they</i> did not know where <i>it</i> was from. 8 And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these <i>things</i>.”</p>

Passion Week—Parable of the Sons and the Wicked Tenants (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:28–46	Mark 12:1–12	Luke 20:9–19
<p>28 “Now what do you think? A man had two sons. <i>He</i> approached the first <i>and</i> said, ‘Son, go work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered <i>and</i> said, ‘I do not want to!’ But later <i>he</i> changed his mind <i>and</i> went. 30 And <i>he</i> approached the second <i>and</i> said the same <i>thing</i>. So he answered <i>and</i> said, ‘I <i>will</i>, sir,’ and he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of <i>his</i> father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax</p>	<p>1 And he began to speak to them in parables: 9 And he began to tell the people this parable:</p>	<p>9 And he began to tell the people this parable:</p>

<p>collectors and the prostitutes are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God!</p> <p>32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did believe him. And <i>when</i> you saw <i>it</i>, you did not even change your minds later <i>so as</i> to believe in him.</p> <p>33 “Listen to another parable: There was a man—a master of a house—who planted a vineyard, and put a fence <i>around it</i>, and dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower, and leased it to tenant farmers, and went on a journey.</p> <p>34 And when the season of fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit.</p> <p>35 And the tenant farmers seized his slaves, <i>one of whom</i> they beat, and <i>one of whom</i> they killed, and <i>one of whom</i> they stoned.</p> <p>36 Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first <i>ones</i>, and they did the same <i>thing</i> to them.</p> <p>37 So finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’</p> <p>38 But <i>when</i> the tenant farmers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance!’</p> <p>39 And they seized him <i>and</i> threw <i>him</i> out of the vineyard and killed <i>him</i>.</p> <p>40 Now when the master of the vineyard arrives, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”</p> <p>41 They said to him, “He will destroy those evil <i>men</i> completely and lease the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruits in their season.”</p> <p>42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the cornerstone. This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ [Ps 118:22–23]</p> <p>43 For this <i>reason</i>, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruits.</p>	<p>“A man planted a vineyard, and put a fence <i>around it</i>, and dug a trough for the winepress, and built a watchtower, and leased it to tenant farmers, and went on a journey.</p> <p>2 And he sent a slave to the tenant farmers at the proper time, so that he could collect <i>some</i> of the fruit of the vineyard from the tenant farmers.</p> <p>3 And they seized him <i>and</i> beat <i>him</i> and sent <i>him</i> away empty-handed.</p> <p>4 And again he sent to them another slave, and that one they struck on the head and dishonored.</p> <p>5 And he sent another, and that one they killed. And <i>he sent</i> many others, <i>some</i> of whom they beat and <i>some</i> of whom they killed.</p> <p>6 He had one more, a beloved son. Last <i>of all</i> he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’</p> <p>7 But those tenant farmers said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and the inheritance will be ours!’</p> <p>8 And they seized <i>and</i> killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.</p> <p>9 What will the owner of the vineyard do?</p> <p>He will come and destroy the tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>10 Have you not read this scripture: ‘The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the cornerstone.</p> <p>11 This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”</p>	<p>“A man planted a vineyard,</p> <p>and leased it to tenant farmers, and went on a journey for a long time.</p> <p>10 And at the proper time he sent a slave to the tenant farmers, so that they would give him <i>some</i> of the fruit of the vineyard.</p> <p>But the tenant farmers sent him away empty-handed <i>after</i> beating <i>him</i>.</p> <p>11 And he proceeded to send another slave, but they beat and dishonored that one also, <i>and</i> sent <i>him</i> away empty-handed.</p> <p>12 And he proceeded to send a third, but they wounded <i>and</i> threw out this one also.</p> <p>13 So the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’</p> <p>14 But <i>when</i> the tenant farmers saw him, they began to reason with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him so that the inheritance will become ours!’</p> <p>15 And they threw him out of the vineyard <i>and</i> killed <i>him</i>. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?</p> <p>16 He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”</p> <p>And <i>when they</i> heard <i>this</i>, they said, “<i>May this</i> never happen!”</p> <p>17 But he looked intently at them <i>and</i> said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the cornerstone.’”</p>
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<p>44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and <i>the one</i> on whom it falls—it will crush him!”</p> <p>45 And <i>when</i> the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them,</p> <p>46 and <i>although they</i> wanted to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowds, because they looked upon him as a prophet.</p>	<p>12 And they were seeking to arrest him, and they were afraid of the crowd, because they knew that he had told the parable with reference to them. And they left him <i>and</i> went away.</p>	<p>18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and <i>the one</i> on whom it falls—it will crush him!”</p> <p>19 And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay <i>their</i> hands on him at <i>that</i> same hour, and they were afraid of the people, for they knew that he had told this parable with reference to them.</p>
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