

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

Matthew 21:18–19a	Mark 11:12–14
<p>18 Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry.</p> <p>19a Seeing a lone fig tree by the road,</p> <p>He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only;</p> <p>and He said to it, “No longer shall there ever be <i>any</i> fruit from you.”</p>	<p>12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.</p> <p>13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went <i>to see</i> if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.</p> <p>14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” And His disciples were listening.</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 and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.</p> <p>13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN.” [Jer 7:11]</p>	<p>15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves;</p> <p>16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.</p> <p>17 And He <i>began</i> to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? [Isa 56:7] But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</p> <p>18 The chief priests and the scribes heard <i>this</i>, and <i>began</i> seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him,</p> <p>for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.</p> <p>19 When evening came, they would go out of the city.</p>	<p>45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,</p> <p>46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,’ but you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</p> <p>47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,</p> <p>48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.</p>

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

Matthew 21:19b–22	Mark 11:20–26
<p>19b And at once the fig tree withered.</p> <p>20 Seeing <i>this</i>, the disciples were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither <i>all</i> at once?”</p> <p>21 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt,</p>	<p>20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots <i>up</i>.</p> <p>21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, “Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.”</p> <p>22 And Jesus answered saying to them, “Have faith in God.</p> <p>23 “Truly I say to you,</p>

<p>you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen.</p> <p>22 “And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”</p>	<p>whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be <i>granted</i> him.</p> <p>24 “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be <i>granted</i> you.</p> <p>25 “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.</p> <p>26 “<i>But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.</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 When He entered the temple,</p> <p>the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?”</p> <p>24 Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>25 “The baptism of John was from what <i>source</i>, from heaven or from men?” And they <i>began</i> reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>26 “But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet.”</p> <p>27 And answering Jesus, they said, “We do not know.”</p> <p>He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.</p>	<p>27 They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple,</p> <p>the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him,</p> <p>28 and <i>began</i> saying to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?”</p> <p>29 And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and <i>then</i> I will tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>30 “Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me.”</p> <p>31 They <i>began</i> reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>32 “But shall we say, ‘From men?’—they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real prophet.</p> <p>33 Answering Jesus, they said, “We do not know.”</p> <p>And Jesus said to them, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”</p>	<p>1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted <i>Him</i>,</p> <p>2 and they spoke, saying to Him, “Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?”</p> <p>3 Jesus answered and said to them, “I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me:</p> <p>4 “Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?”</p> <p>5 They reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>6 “But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”</p> <p>7 So they answered that they did not know where <i>it came</i> from.</p> <p>8 And Jesus said to them, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”</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 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’</p> <p>29 “And he answered, ‘I will not’; but</p>	<p>1 And He began to speak to them in parables:</p>	<p>9 And He began to tell the people this parable:</p>

<p>afterward he regretted it and went. 30 “The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I will, sir’; but he did not go. 31 “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. 32 “For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing <i>this</i>, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him. 33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. 34 “When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. 35 “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. 36 “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. 37 “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ 39 “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes,</p>	<p>“A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. 2 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers. 3 “They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 “Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. 5 “And he sent another, and that one they killed; and <i>so with</i> many others, beating some and killing others. 6 “He had one more <i>to send</i>, a beloved son; he sent him last <i>of all</i> to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 “But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’ 8 “They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.</p>	<p>“A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. 10 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. 12 “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. 13 “The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ 14 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’ 15 “So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.</p>
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<p>what will he do to those vine-growers?"</p> <p>41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the <i>proper</i> seasons."</p> <p>42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'? [Ps 118:22–23]"</p> <p>43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.</p> <p>44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."</p> <p>45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.</p> <p>46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.</p>	<p>9 "What will the owner of the vineyard do?"</p> <p>He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>10 "Have you not even read this Scripture: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"</p> <p>11 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"</p> <p>12 And they were seeking to seize Him, and <i>yet</i> they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them.</p> <p>And so they left Him and went away.</p>	<p>What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?"</p> <p>16 "He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others."</p> <p>When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!"</p> <p>17 But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>'?"</p> <p>18 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."</p> <p>19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.</p>
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