

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, as he returned to the city, he was hungry.</p> <p>19a After noticing a fig tree by the road he went to it, but found nothing on it except leaves.</p> <p>He said to it, “Never again will there be fruit from you!”</p>	<p>12 Now the next day, as they went out from Bethany, he was hungry.</p> <p>13 After noticing in the distance a fig tree with leaves, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it. 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 heard it.</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 Then Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple courts, and turned over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves.</p> <p>13 And he said to them, “It is written, ‘<i>My house will be called a house of prayer,</i>’” [Isa 56:7] but you are turning it into a <i>den of robbers!</i>” [Jer 7:11]</p>	<p>15 Then they came to Jerusalem. Jesus entered the temple area and began to drive out those who were selling and buying in the temple courts. He turned over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves,</p> <p>16 and he would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.</p> <p>17 Then he began to teach them and said, “Is it not written: ‘<i>My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?</i>’ But you have turned it into a <i>den of robbers!</i>”</p> <p>18 The chief priests and the experts in the law heard it and they considered how they could assassinate him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed by his teaching.</p> <p>19 When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.</p>	<p>45 Then Jesus entered the temple courts and began to drive out those who were selling things there,</p> <p>46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘<i>My house will be a house of prayer,</i>’ but you have turned it into a <i>den of robbers!</i>”</p> <p>47 Jesus was teaching daily in the temple courts. The chief priests and the experts in the law and the prominent leaders among the people were seeking to assassinate him,</p> <p>48 but they could not find a way to do it, for all the people hung on his words.</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 When the disciples saw it they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?”</p> <p>21 Jesus answered them, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what was done to 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 whatever you ask in prayer, if you believe, you will receive.”</p>	<p>20 In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.</p> <p>21 Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered.”</p> <p>22 Jesus said to them, “Have faith in God.</p> <p>23 I tell you the truth,</p> <p>if someone 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 done for him.</p> <p>24 For this reason I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.</p> <p>25 Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your sins.”</p>

Passion Week—Jesus' Authority Challenged (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:23–27	Mark 11:27–33	Luke 20:1–8
<p>23 Now after Jesus entered the temple courts,</p> <p>the chief priests and elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”</p> <p>24 Jesus answered them, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>25 Where did John’s baptism come from? From heaven or from people?”</p> <p>They discussed this among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>26 But if we say, ‘From people,’ we fear the crowd, for they all consider John to be a prophet.”</p> <p>27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”</p> <p>Then he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.</p>	<p>27 They came again to Jerusalem. While Jesus was walking in the temple courts,</p> <p>the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders came up to him</p> <p>28 and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?”</p> <p>29 Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things:</p> <p>30 John’s baptism—was it from heaven or from people? Answer me.”</p> <p>31 They discussed with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>32 But if we say, ‘From people—’” (they feared the crowd, for they all considered John to be truly a prophet).</p> <p>33 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”</p> <p>Then Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”</p>	<p>1 Now one day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the gospel,</p> <p>the chief priests and the experts in the law with the elders came up</p> <p>2 and said to him, “Tell us: By what authority are you doing these things? Or who it is who gave you this authority?”</p> <p>3 He answered them, “I will also ask you a question, and you tell me:</p> <p>4 John’s baptism—was it from heaven or from people?”</p> <p>5 So they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’</p> <p>6 But if we say, ‘From people,’ all the people will stone us, because they are convinced that John was a prophet.”</p> <p>7 So they replied that they did not know where it came from.</p> <p>8 Then Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by whose 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 “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’</p> <p>29 The boy answered, ‘I will not.’ But later he had a change of heart and went.</p> <p>30 The father went to the other son and said the same thing. This boy answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but did not go.</p> <p>31 Which of the two did his father’s will?”</p> <p>They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, tax collectors and prostitutes will go 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 prostitutes did believe. Although you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him.</p> <p>33 “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a pit for its winepress, and built a</p>	<p>1 Then he began to speak to them in parables:</p> <p>“A man planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a pit for its winepress, and built a</p>	<p>9 Then he began to tell the people this parable:</p> <p>“A man planted a vineyard,</p>

<p>watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went on a journey. 34 When the harvest time was near, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his portion of the crop. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another.</p> <p>36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them the same way.</p> <p>37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and get his inheritance!' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' 41 They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men! Then he will lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his portion at the harvest."</p> <p>42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:</p> <p><i>'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'</i> [Ps 118:22–23] 43 For this reason I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and the one on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, because the crowds regarded him as a prophet.</p>	<p>watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went on a journey. 2 At harvest time he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his portion of the crop. 3 But those tenants seized his slave, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. 4 So he sent another slave to them again. This one they struck on the head and treated outrageously. 5 He sent another, and that one they killed. This happened to many others, some of whom were beaten, others killed. 6 He had one left, his one dear son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and the inheritance will be ours!' 8 So they seized him, killed him, and threw his body out of the vineyard. 9 What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>10 Have you not read this scripture:</p> <p><i>'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'</i></p> <p>12 Now they wanted to arrest him (but they feared the crowd), because they realized that he told this parable against them. So they left him and went away.</p>	<p>leased it to tenant farmers, and went on a journey for a long time. 10 When harvest time came, he sent a slave to the tenants so that they would give him his portion of the crop. However, the tenants beat his slave and sent him away empty-handed. 11 So he sent another slave. They beat this one too, treated him outrageously, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 So he sent still a third. They even wounded this one, and threw him out. 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my one dear son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to one another, 'This is the heir; let's kill him so the inheritance will be ours!' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others."</p> <p>When the people heard this, they said, "May this never happen!" 17 But Jesus looked straight at them and said, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: <i>'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?'</i></p> <p>18 Everyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and the one on whom it falls will be crushed." 19 Then the experts in the law and the chief priests wanted to arrest him that very hour, because they realized he had told this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.</p>
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