

Mark 11:20-24 **Fig Tree Withered**

Fig tree Cursed

Mark 11:12-14

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. **13** And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. And when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it. NKJV

Fig Tree withered – Demonstration of Faith Without Doubt

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. **21** And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- † Coming back to the Temple in Jerusalem from Bethany, Jesus was hungry and came to a fig tree by the road, finding nothing but leaves on it He cursed it. [Matthew 21:18-19, Mark 11:12-14, 20-21]
 - ✧ The body of Jesus was quite human and could feel hunger. [Matthew 4:2, 21:18, Mark 11:12, Luke 4:2]
 - ✧ The **fruit** of a **fig tree** comes on before the leaves, so if there were leaves on the tree, it should have had fruit.
 - ✧ Jesus had previously demonstrated His power to quiet a storm, to walk on water, to heal the sick, to forgive sins, and to raise the dead and over demons as He cast out demons. Now He demonstrated that He has power over living vegetation as He cursed the fig tree and it withered immediately.
 - ✧ This is additional evidence that Jesus is indeed the Yehowah of the Old Testament, the God of Israel, the creator and sustainer of all things. [John 1:3, 10, Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Colossians 1:16-18, Hebrews 1:2]
 - ✧ Jesus has power over everything that lives and over the elements. [Acts 17:25, Job 12:9-10]
- † The disciples marveled at the results of the curse and the withering of the tree. [Matthew 21:20, Mark 11:20-21]
- † Jesus made it a demonstration of the power of true undoubting faith. [Matthew 21:21, 17:20, Mark 11:22-24, Luke 17:6]
 - ✧ If you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.
 - ✧ And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. [Matthew 21:22, Mark 9:23, 11:22-24, John 14:12-14, 15:7, 16, 16:23-24, Matthew 18:19, James 1:5-6, 1 John 3:22, 5:14-15]