

MATTHEW

March 5, 2023

Matthew 21:18-22

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Mark 11:12-14,19-26

Micah 7:1-4

John 15:1-8

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Does anything strike you as odd about this incident (vv. 18-19)? What sets this incident apart?
2. Why does the tree draw the Lord's judgment?
3. Consult Micah 7:1-4. What does the tree represent? What is the real issue that draws the Lord's judgment?
4. What is the Lord's attitude toward fruitlessness?
 - Luke 13:6-9
 - John 15:2, 4, 6
5. What is the Lord's attitude toward fruitfulness?
 - Psalm 92:12-14

- John 15:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

6. In the face of fruitlessness, what is the Lord's primary concern (v. 21)?

7. What does it mean, or look like, to *have faith*?

8. In using the imagery of the mountain cast into the sea, what is the Lord saying?

9. What is the relationship between faith and prayer (v. 22)?

What role does fruitfulness play in answered prayer (John 15:16)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will feed my faith this week by . . .

I will exercise my faith this week by . . .

I will share my faith this week by . . .