

Cleaning House
Mark 11:12-19 (ESV)

Passage Reflections

- What's the context (surrounding texts) of this passage and why is it important?
- What is the symbolism of the fig tree with this particular culture?
- Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?
- What Old Testament passage did Jesus quote from?
- Find a map of the Temple in Jesus' day and notice the layout of the temple and its significance to this passage.

Personal Reflections:

- Consider the role and function of church leaders, what are some things that they must be held accountable for?
- How often do you meditate on Jesus acting in this way towards injustice and corruption? What does it change in your perception?
- Why was this passage necessary for the Messiah to do this in his ministry? Why would it be important for us today?