

12 The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs.

**Mark 11:12-13**

14 Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

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**Mark 11:14-15**

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**Mark 11:16-17**

18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

19 When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

**Mark 11:18-19**

20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

**Mark 11:20-22**

23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.  
24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**Mark 11:23-24**

25 And when you stand praying,  
if you hold anything against  
anyone, forgive them, so that  
your Father in heaven may  
forgive you your sins."

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## Some realities regarding God's judgment

- Jesus will be our judge
- Jesus followers will be spared God's wrath because of their hope in Jesus sacrifice
- Calling myself a Christian doesn't make myself a Christian
- We will be judged by trusting God in our thinking/loving/living, not just our thinking

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 2:1-2**