

Study Guide

Mark 11:1-25

Eating “humble pie” (*origin- dear entrails*) can be frightful or fruitful! After seeing the example of Christ (King-Servant), we are challenged to humble ourselves before God. What does that look like? How can we avoid the fearful experiences (*the withering of the fig tree or the cleansing of the Temple*), to intentionally humble ourselves before God? What would the result be?

1. Read Mark 11:1-6. Discuss the dynamics of the humble colt, how he was common, available and owned. How are you and I like humble colts in God’s kingdom?
2. Read Mark 11:7-11. Discuss the humility of Christ riding on a colt- common, available and owned. Was Jesus doing His own thing or fulfilling God’s plan? How can we learn from the example of Christ?
3. Read Mark 11:12-19. How are the cursing of the fig tree and the cleansing of the Temple indicators of the fruitless condition of Israel? (see also Isa. 49:6b; Isa. 56:7a; Jer. 7:11).
4. Read Mark 11:20-25. How do we humble ourselves before God? What does it mean to pray in “faith” and “forgiveness”?

Application

Spend a few moments quietly praying through these Scriptures and ask God to reveal to you what He may want to be telling you through these verses.

1 Peter 5:6

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Message Slides

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Theme: Eating “Humble Pie” can be Frightening or Fruitful

I. Humble Colt (Mark 11:1-6)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.

Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

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Picture of Colt

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II. Humble Jesus (Mark 11:7-11) Common- Available- Owned

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Luke 19:41-44

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he **wept** over it, ⁴²saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**”

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III. Humble Pie- Frightening (Mark 11:12-19)**The Temple and the Tree**

¹²On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

III. Humble Pie- Frightening (Mark 11:12-19)**The Temple and the Tree**

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” ¹⁸And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came they went out of the city.

A. The Fig Tree

Jeremiah 8:13

“When I would gather them, declares the LORD, there are no figs on the fig tree...and what I gave them has passed away from them.”

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B. The Temple Cleansing

Isaiah 49:6b

“I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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Isa. 56:7a

“...these [foreigners] I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer.”

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Jer. 7:11- "'Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it.' declares the LORD."

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IV. Fruitful Humble Pie!

²⁰As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²²And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

A. Prayer in Faith

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B. Pray in forgiveness

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