

Sermon Notes

The Fruit of True Faith

Matthew 21:19-22

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Jesus became hungry.

His humanity

Jesus went to a leafing fig tree, but there was no fruit.

Object lesson regarding Israel

Fruit represents righteousness - thinking, behavior, and character that comes in line with God's ways.

The Lord expects fruit from His people.

The disciples are amazed and ask how the fig tree withered.

“If you have faith and do not doubt...”

διακρίνω, dia-krino: to be at variance or conflict with someone

“...ask in prayer, believing, you will receive”

Must ask in prayer

“Believing” = trust

Trusting God is what our prayers must be based upon.

He will act. He will give.

Do you trust the Lord?

Do you want His will and His power in your life?

Do you pray like it?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested reading: John 15:1-11

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Application questions for 12/14/2014 sermon Matthew 21:18-22

What do you think of the idea that we are to become more like Jesus,.. that He showed us how to be humans who reflect the image of God, and we are to be becoming more and more like Him?

Is there anything about that idea that you struggle with, or is it helpful to know what to emulate?

(If anybody does have any struggles that the group can't address, feel free to e-mail or call me about it)

Do you see fruit of righteousness in your life - that you are thinking different, doing things different, and seeing character formed in you, all coming into conformity with what the Bible teaches?

What do you think that is due to?

Is that the way you have understood God is that He expects to see fruits of righteousness from the lives of those who trust Him?

(Don't forget though, He also helps produce the fruit, as we live closely with Him, by faith, and in prayer. See John 15:1-11)

Do you want Gods will done in your life? Do you trust that His will is best?

If yes, are you in the practice of taking all your life issues, and those of who you care about, to God in prayer?

Does something need to change with regard to your prayer life?

Does something need to change with how you trust God and His will?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?