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MARK 11:11-21

- **Take a Look Around (Mark 11:11):**
- **No Fruit (Mark 11:12-14):**
 - **The fig tree was used representatively of Israel in the Old Testament by God through the Prophets. Hosea 9:10**
 - **We are to connect the fig tree to the event that is to follow.**

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- **Fruitless Religion (Mark 11:15-18):**
 - This cleansing of the temple was a judgement from God and a foreshadow of further judgment (Mark 13).
 - What made their religion fruitless?
 - It was fruitless. **Isaiah 5:1-7**
 - It was irreverent. **v.16**
 - It was selfish. **vv.17-18**

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- **The Lessons of the Fig Tree:**
 - I can be the “good-looking” fig tree.
 - If I have boiled down my relationship with Christ to a list of do’s and don’ts, then I am that fig tree with no fruit.
Malachi 1:6-10
 - Bear fruit. **John 15:8-10**