

*Withered From The Roots*

Discovering Your Roots – Part 5

Mark 11:1-22

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Q. What difference does it make when our lives are rooted in Jesus?

1. Looking good on the outside, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can look good on the outside. (1-11)

Mark 11:1-3ff *As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here."*

* 1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can look good on the outside. (12-14)

Mark 11:12-14 *On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.*

* 1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cant look good on the outside. (15-17)

Mark 11:15-17 *Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; 16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. 17 And He began to teach and say 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 ROBBERS' DEN."*

1. But, focusing on the outside leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 11:19-22 *When evening came, they would go out of the city. 20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. 21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered." 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God.”*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is the focus in your life? Outside or inside? Surface or roots?
2. What would it look like for you to focus on the roots?
	* In your finances?
	* In your relationships?
	* In your career?
	* In your heath?
	* In your spiritual life?
3. What is a step you can take this week to focus on the roots of your life with Christ?
	* Bible reading (Suggestion – read the holy week account in John 12-20
	* Attend the “Carry the Cross” service on Friday at 7 p.m. at Vine Dunn Loring.
	* Plan a family devotional time this week.
	* Invite someone to join you in worship on Easter.
	* Serve at the Vine Eggstravaganza.