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# O JERUSALEM Mark 11:1-25

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

- 1. What are Jesus' instructions to the disciples?
- 2. What happens when the disciples follow His instructions?
- 3. What is significant about the preparations for entering Jerusalem? (See also Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-5.)
- 4. Describe the crowd's response, both actions and words, in Mark 11:9-10.
- 5. Remembering what you have learned so far about the crowd's previous behavior and existing political/social conditions, what do you think this scene reveals about their expectations?

### DAY 2: MARK 11:12-19—CLEARING THE TEMPLE

- 6. How does Christ's treatment of the unproductive fig tree resemble His treatment of the merchandisers and money-lenders in the temple?
- 7. What can we learn and apply from Jesus cursing the fig tree and cleansing the temple? (See John 15:1-8).

## DAY 3: MARK 11:20-25—EFFECTIVE FAITH

- 8. What do the disciples see the next morning?
- 9. Reread Mark 11:20-25, along with Galatians 5:6, James 2:17, and 1 John 5:4. What do you learn about: a. the definition of faith? (See also Hebrews 11:1.)
  - b. the object of faith? (See also Hebrews 11:6.)
  - c. the source of faith? (See also Romans 1:20; 10:17.)
  - d. the characteristics or effects of faith?

### DAYS 4 & 5: MARK 11:22-25—EFFECTIVE PRAYER

- 10. In these verses, what conditions are attached to answered prayer?
- 11. Do you find it easy or difficult to fulfill these conditions in your personal prayer life? Why?
- 12. What can prevent our prayers from being answered?
  - a. Matthew 6:14-15
  - b. James 4:2-3
- 13. How do the following verses clarify God's perspective on prayer?
  - a. Luke 11:9-13
  - b. Luke 22:41-42
  - c. John 14:14; 16:24
  - d. John 15:7
  - e. 1 John 3:21-22

# **DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

**APPLY** what you have learned. Think of something you are currently praying for. It could be a request for yourself, for someone else, or a bigger group, such as your church or your nation. Which principle from the verse you looked up in questions 10-13 do you think will be most helpful for you as you continue to pray? Apply this principle as you bring your request before God this week. You may want to memorize the verse(s).