

# “Leaves Only” — a Cursedly Big Problem

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 185

Matthew 21:18-22

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<sup>18</sup> And in the early morning, while He was going back into the city, He got hungry.

<sup>19</sup> And when He saw *this* one fig tree by the way, He came over to it, and nothing did He find in it except leaves only. And He says to it, “No longer from you let fruit come,<sup>1</sup> ever!” And right away, the fig tree dried up!

<sup>20</sup> And when the disciples saw, they marveled, saying, “How did that fig tree dry up right away?”

(Matthew 21:18-22)

<sup>21</sup> And in answer Jesus said to them, “Amen , I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, not only *what was done* to the fig tree will you do, but *instead* even if to this mountain you say, ‘Be picked up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen!

<sup>22</sup> “And all things, as many as you may ask in prayer, believing, you will receive!”

Pastor Phillips; ad hoc translation)

## Introduction:

### I. What Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-19)

#### A. Background: \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Foreground:

1. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)

2. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19a)

3. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19b)

### II. What Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Background: \_\_\_\_\_ ic \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Literally *become, come to be*.

**B. Foreground: \_\_\_\_\_ Act**

1. Contextual keys:
  2. What Israel \_\_\_\_\_ been
    - a. The model for Israel and for all: Genesis \_\_:6
    - b. The ideal of the people of Israel: Exodus \_\_:4-6
    - c. The reasonable expectation from Israel: John \_\_:45b-47
  3. What Israel in fact \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Foreseen
      - Isaiah \_\_:1-7
      - Micah \_\_:1-4
    - b. Seen
      - i. The neglected warnings
      - ii. The ignored homework
      - iii. The scorching
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Israel was that way? Romans \_\_:31-33
  5. Jesus' curse
    - a. The meaning
    - b. The warning