

(Study from Jack Gabbert on The Life Of Christ)

THEWITHEREDFIGTREEANDTHELESSONONFAITH

TEXT: Matthew 21:19b-22; Mark 11:19-26

PLACE: On the way back to Bethany and return to Jerusalem.

TIME: Tuesday (The longest recorded and last day of Jesus' public ministry.)

◆ TheWitheredFigTree

- ➔ What did Peter notice? Why was the tree withered?
- ➔ Scripture tells us that we are to bear fruit. What are the consequences of not bearing fruit?

◆ TheLessonOnFaith, Mark 11:22-26

- ➔ What relationship is there between the withered fig tree and a person without faith?
- ➔ Faith's power, vs. 23. The thought is that works as impossible to human strength as the moving of the Mount of Olives to the sea shall be possible to faith and shall actually be wrought.
- ➔ Faith and Prayer, vs. 24
 - Who guides tis powerful prayer life of the Christian?
 - ◆ Cp. Romans 8:26, 27; 1 John 5:14, 15
- ➔ Faith and Forgiveness, vs. 25, 26
 - Jesus is saying that an unforgiving spirit is a block to faith and answered prayer.
 - Reread and reread vs. 25, 26!
 - ◆ We cannot harbor resentment of others while pleading for our own pardon with God.
 - ◆ Cp. 1 John 2:10, 11; 1 John 3:11-20; 1 John 4:7-21