

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **without** \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 12-14, 20)

This was a very \_\_\_\_\_ miracle.

So Jesus found a fig tree that spring day with abundant leaves but no \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

Its leaves gave a \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit, but the tree failed to \_\_\_\_\_ up to that promise.

This was an apt \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish nation.

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the disciples, and for us today.

God expects us to bear \_\_\_\_\_ for Him, and there are consequences in this life and in the future for disappointing Him. (John 15:5-6)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **without** \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 15-19)

The temple was supposed to be a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

But the temple had been made into a \_\_\_\_\_.

All of their careful observances and regulations meant \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts.

Jesus reserved His \_\_\_\_\_ actions and words for the hypocritical Jews.

What \_\_\_\_\_ do we worship when we come here to services?

Going to church and Bible study, even involvement in a church ministry, is \_\_\_\_\_ without real love for God and others in our hearts.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 29, 2026

**Getting to Know Me**

- When was the last time you were angry? What was it about? (Keep it brief and don't name names!)
  
- What is one invention you think should exist, even if it doesn't or can't?

**Into the Bible**

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
- The unbelief and complacency of the Jews in not producing the fruit that God desired led to their being cursed, like the fig tree. What was the fruit that God desired of the Jewish people? (See Micah 6:6-8; Gen. 12:1-3) Rom. 11:17-26a tells us a little more about this judgment. In what sense was Israel "broken off?" What does it mean that we Gentiles were "grafted in?" Why shouldn't we be faithless and complacent, like they were?
  
- What was so upsetting to Jesus about the Temple courts? See v. 17. What was supposed to be going on there? What was actually going on there? About whom was Jesus primarily concerned, Jews or Gentiles? Why?
  
- What would be the equivalent in a New Testament (church) setting to the kind of hypocrisy that Jesus found in the Temple courts? How might we be guilty of profaning the purposes of God in the very process of worshiping Him? (Hint: See 1 Cor. 11:17-22)

**Application**

- Have you been impacted by real hypocrisy in the church (defined as knowingly leading people the wrong way, or claiming to be and do something that they have no intention to even attempt)? If so, how?
  
- How are you working out God's obvious concern for the people of the world who do not know the truth?