



What Do You Do With Jesus?

Main Scripture: Mark 11:1-35
Additional Scripture: Zechariah 9:9,
Matthew 21:14, John 1:12

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- “Jesus doesn’t play our games. Jesus isn’t cool.” How do we as the church or do individual Christians try to make Jesus cool? Why is that a bad thing?
 - What are some “uncool” things about Jesus that we sometimes try to mask or simply avoid in conversation?
- “If you come to Jesus with expectations, you are going to be disappointed.” What do you think Pastor Mike meant by that? Explain.
- **Read Mark 11:15-17.** What tables in your life does Jesus want to turn over?
 - Why haven’t you let Him turn them over already? What is stopping you from letting Jesus have His way if you are honest with yourself?
 - “Jesus usually turns tables through people.” Who in your life has access to your tables and has the right to turn them over? (If no one, find someone!!)
- What if there are things that matter to God that don’t matter to you? What if there are things that matter to you but they don’t really matter to God?
 - What are some things that could fall into one of these categories?
 - What is the proper response if you find things in these categories? How do you deal with them?
- **Read Mark 11:12-14 & 11:20-24.** Especially in church and in Christians’ lives today, there is so much activity but so little fruit. Like the fig tree, there are a lot of leaves but no fruit. Take an honest assessment of your life and ask yourself, “What is the leaf (activity) to fruit ratio in my life?”
 - What leaves do you cover yourself with to hide your unfruitfulness? What should you do with those fruitless activities in your life?
- “If Jesus rode on a donkey then so should we.” Where in your life is pride an issue?
 - Where can you insert this phrase into a scenario in your life right now – “Stop trying to be right and start serving”?

Doing: Application

- Find situations and people in your life where you could do the following and implement them this week in at least one situation:
 - Stop trying to be right and start serving
 - Turn over a table in your life that you need to give over to Jesus
 - Find a fruitless leaf and either pluck it off the tree or find a way to produce fruit with that activity in your life.