**Mark 11**

12The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

13Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it

had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves,

because it was not the season for figs.

14Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you

again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

15On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area

 and began driving out those who were buying and selling there.

He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and

the benches of those selling doves,

16and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise

through the temple courts.

17And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written:

‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’?

But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’ ”

18The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this

and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him,

because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

19When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

20In the morning, as they went along, they saw

the fig tree withered from the roots.

21Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look!

The fig tree you cursed has withered!”