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# A Faith Inspection

Mark 11:1-26

It was Passover time—Jesus was on his way into Jerusalem to be our **Paschal Lamb…** (1 Cor. 5:7) he went straight to the Temple – ***he looked around at everything…(11)***…*here’s how we know what he is looking for…*

1. **A FIG TREE**--“To find out if it had any fruit”

… found nothing but leaves --all outward show, nothing but false advertising

2. **THE TEMPLE** area – to find “a house of prayer for all the nations”

… found buying and selling, money changers, benches of doves, a den of robbers, leaders looking for a way to kill him

 Chaos, distraction, obstacles, dishonesty, hatred—all show! (Jer. 7:11,14)

* A meeting place with God through prayer
* A place of instruction (he taught them) to know God accurately
* A place to represent his glorious presence
* A place to make access to God welcoming and without obstacles (Is. 56:7)

What does God see when he looks at you?—you are the temple of God!

3. **A Mountain**… Is.2:2; Mic. 4:1

… *the people will be horrified to see it thrown down*

The temple is on the move…into the sea of people who trust in God and pray from the inner place of God’s presence—who produce truth in advertising by their faith/ real faith

 People who recognize that grace alone makes prayer worthwhile… “done for him”… “received it”

 People who so understand the grace they have received in forgiveness, FORGIVE.

4. Israel’s **Temple… replaced by JESUS** (Jer. 7:1-15)

 *He looks around at everything*… What are you advertising—Who are you really?

REAL GOD-GLORIFYING INVITING FAITH-FILLED FORGIVING