

## THE MESSAGE

Last week we looked at the revelation of Jesus in His essence, in His presence and His dominion – He is Almighty God. This morning we look at the revelation of His message made possible by the resurrection

### Mark 11:22... **Have faith in God**

- Spiritually the people were under heavy sway of the legalistic ways of the old Covenant... The law had them cornered

... If you do a little more God will really be pleased with you...

**Romans 7:17-20** ... I need something *more!* For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! (MSG)

**Romans 7:24** – O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me... (KJV)

But the message of Jesus ... Have Faith in God (HFIG)

**Romans 3:21-22** ...now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known ... <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. (NIV)

- **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you are saved through faith it is a gift of God not of works... (HFIG)
- **Hebrews 11:6** – Without faith it is impossible... (HFIG)...
- **Hebrews 11:1** – Faith is the substance of things Hoped for... (HFIG)

## #1 – YOU MISSED IT

### The triumphal entry... Palm Sunday

**Luke 19:41-42** – Now as He drew near, He saw the city and **wept over it**, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.... because you did not know the time of **your visitation.**" NKJV

**Problem with the law – there was no remedy for sin...** law could not forgive sin but only point it out...

**Galatians 3:10-11** – For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."<sup>11</sup> Clearly **no one is justified before God by the law,**... (NIV)

**Message of Jesus...** Out with the Old and in with the New- Have faith in God!!

**Romans 10:4** – **Christ is the end of the law** so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

## #2 – MY HOUSE IS OPEN FOR ALL

**Mark 11:17** ... my House will be a house of prayer for all nations

- No longer would one nation alone have access... open to everyone.... Animal sacrifice is over
- **The message.... Have faith in God!!**

## #3 – YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE MT. 28:23

- Jesus temple... is the hearts of men....

## #4 – LET NO ONE EAT FROM YOU FOREVER

**Mark 11:12-14** – Now the **next day**, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. <sup>13</sup>And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." (NKJV)

- Law out of season
- ... looked good but provided no living fruit....the letter killed

### Jesus Explained the Fig Tree

**Luke 13:6-9** – Then he told this parable: "**A man** (God) had a fig tree, (Israel) planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any...<sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, '**For three years now I've been coming** to look for fruit on this fig tree and ...haven't found any. **Cut it down!** Why should it use up the soil?' <sup>8</sup> "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for **one more year**, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then **cut it down.**'" (NIV)

**Matthew 3:9-10** -We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup>**And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.** (NIV)

## #5 – THE NEXT DAY

**Mark 11:20-24** – Now in the morning, as they passed by, **they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.** <sup>21</sup>And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which **You cursed** has withered away."

- Withered away: Symbol of the failed law... which could never forgive sin

<sup>22</sup>So Jesus answered and said to them, **"Have faith in God.**

<sup>23</sup>For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, **but believes that those things he says** will be done, **he will have whatever he says.** <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. When you stand praying forgive!! (NIV)

**Access.... God is available now!!**

.....this is the new covenant I'm making with you in my blood!!