

The Ministry of Objects

Part 2

This lesson is a continuation on the ministry of various objects throughout the Bible. There are a few this week that aren't exactly prized objects. One object was cursed by Jesus, another was the weapon of an enemy, and another was the representative of false worship. Still they are items that can relay a message if we're willing to learn.

1) When leaving Bethany what did Jesus and the disciples come across and what was said to the object?

Mark 11:12-14

2) What was the result to the object from question 1 after it's interaction with Jesus?

Mark 11:20-21

3) Unlike many of the objects during this 3-part study, this one is alive. Jesus looked at what the tree was supposed to be but saw what it had become and cursed it. To have the Lord look upon the church's ministry and treat it the same way would be devastating. Give an example of what it would take for a person or group ministry can become cursed and withered.

4) The Bible mentions unpardonable sin and a reprobate mind. Read the scriptures below and explain what is happening. How can this relate to the unfruitful fig tree?

Mark 3:22-30; Matthew 12:22-32; Romans 1:18-32

5) During the reign of King Saul God removed Himself from the monarch and went to a musical shepherd named David. At this time, the Israelites were in a constant war with the Philistines, and one of their warriors was a giant named Goliath. List Goliath's armor and weapons.

1 Samuel 17:1-7

6) David saw Goliath and believed someone should have handled that giant and take him down for blaspheming God. After there were no challengers, David took the fight himself and was offered premium weaponry and armor from the King (1 Samuel 17:38-39) but decided to go with something he was more comfortable with. What did David choose to fight Goliath?

1 Samuel 17:40

7) Looking at the weaponry between the two men this would not have seemed like an even fight. One contender had a sword, helmet, spear, and another person to carry the shield. While his opponent had a sling shot, rocks, and a staff. When looking at these two combatants and their weapons no one would have thought that David should have won but he did. If we're to compare these weapons to ourselves, in that Christ uses us as the sling shot, while Satan is fighting with the pleasure and evil of the world as a sword and shield. Explain at least one way that God can use us in his efforts to bring down the tyranny of Satan on this world.

8) Chapter 32 of Exodus talks about a time when the Israelites boldly turned away from God on their way to the Promise Land. While Moses was with God what did the people demand and Aaron's response?

Exodus 32:1-6

9) God informed Moses of what was happening and he traveled down to investigate. How did Moses respond to the calf worship, what did he force the people to do, and give Aaron's response regarding the situation?

Exodus 32:19-29

10) The golden calf is obviously a symbol of false worship. However, this wasn't created by outside influences instead it was the people within the group demanding the spiritual leader to create a new plan of worship. Give an example at how this can happen in the church today. What steps should the church as an organization and individuals put in place to stop false worship of this kind.

11) There was a price to be paid for worshiping the golden calf. Some had to drink its mixture while others were killed. What happens to people and churches of today when they follow a false leader and go against the standards of God.

12) A Fig tree, weapons from the enemy, and even a golden calf were reviewed in this lesson. When it comes to these objects what is at least one lesson you can take from these things and apply it to your life and ministry?

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