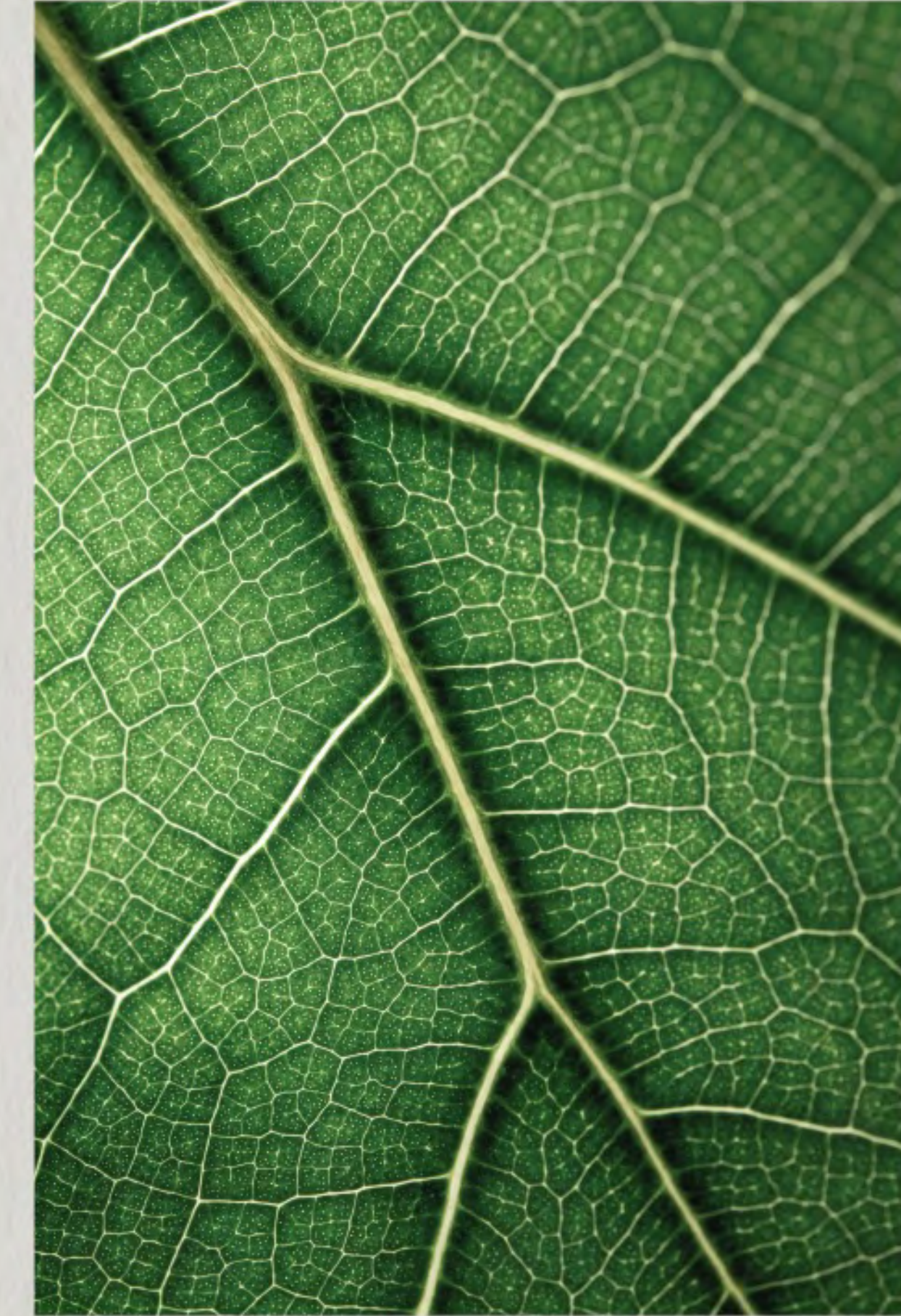


09 THE KING'S ARRIVAL

A STUDY OF Mark



Mark's Sandwich

Story A - Curses Barren Fig Tree (11:12-14)

Story B - Condemns Barren Temple (11:15-19)

Story A' - Teaches on Barren Fig Tree (11:20-25)





Story A

The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³ Seeing **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. ¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

- Mark 11:12-14 ^{NIV}





Story B

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

- Mark 11:15-16^{NIV}





Story B

And 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.’” ¹⁸ The 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.

- Mark 11:17-18 ^{NIV}





Story B

“...to them I will give **within my temple** and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. ⁶ And *foreigners* who bind themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to worship him... ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; **for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.**”

- Isaiah 56:5-7 ^{NIV}





Story A - *Fig Tree*

HYPOCRISY! Appeared fruitful, but in reality it was barren.



Story B - *Temple*

HYPOCRISY! Appeared fruitful & active, but in reality it was barren and a barrier.





Hypocrisy

“One who wears a mask and plays a part. Pretending to be what one is not.” - **Nelson’s Bible Dictionary**

“The outward appearance without the inward reality.” - **Jesus**



Hypocrisy

The outward appearance
without the inward reality

“This year, or this month, or, more likely,
this very day, we have failed to practice
ourselves the kind of behavior we expect
from other people.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



Hypocrisy

The outward appearance
without the inward reality

Deceives - both self & others

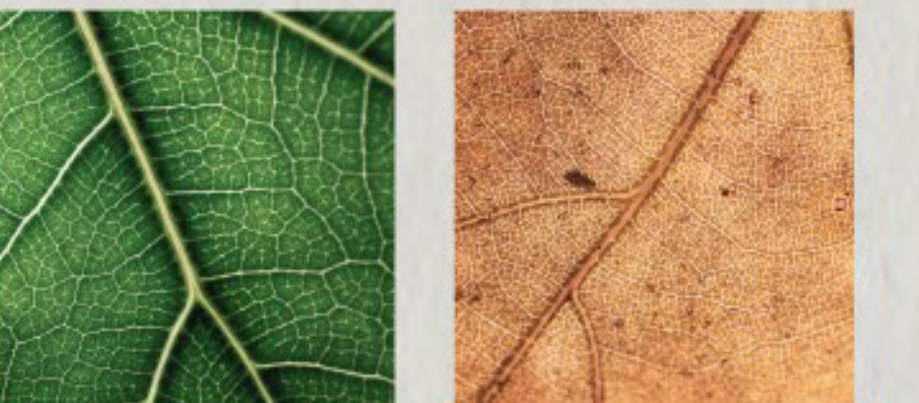


Hypocrisy

The outward appearance
without the inward reality

Deceives - both self & others

Disappoints - both self & others



Hypocrisy

The outward appearance
without the inward reality

Deceives - both self & others

Disappoints - both self & others

Deadly - slow, but certain





Story A

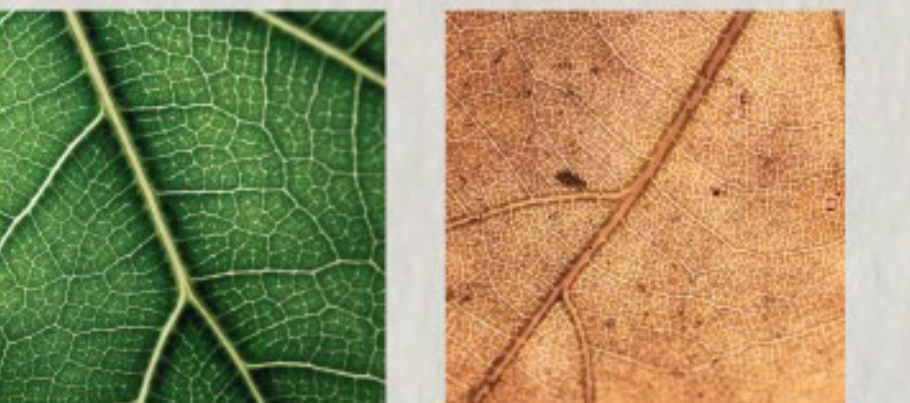
When evening came, they went out of the city. ²⁰ In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree *withered from the roots.* ²¹ Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

- Mark 11:19-21 ^{NIV}



Mark 11:22-25 NIV

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. ²³ “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

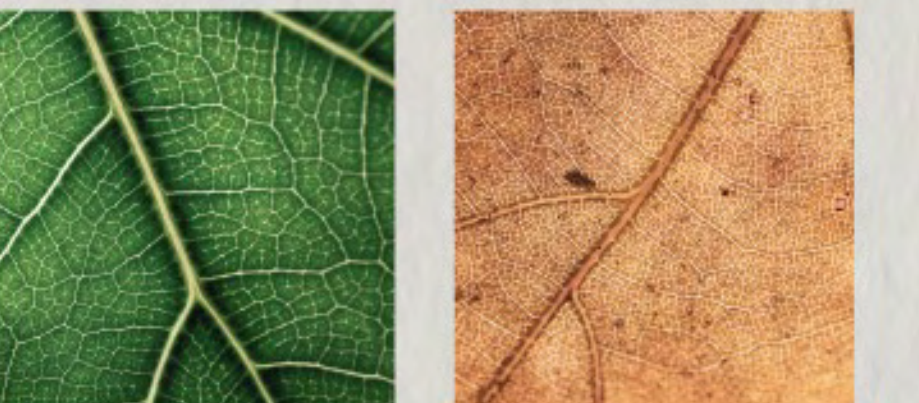


Opposite of Hypocrisy

Undivided Faith in God

Mark 11:22-23 ^{NIV}

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Opposite of Hypocrisy

Undivided Faith in God

“This affirmation does not mean that faith can accomplish anything but that those who have faith will set no limits to the power of God.”

- AEJ Rawlinson, *NIV Application Commentary*



Opposite of Hypocrisy

Undivided Faith in God
Fellowship with God

Mark 11:24 ^{NIV}

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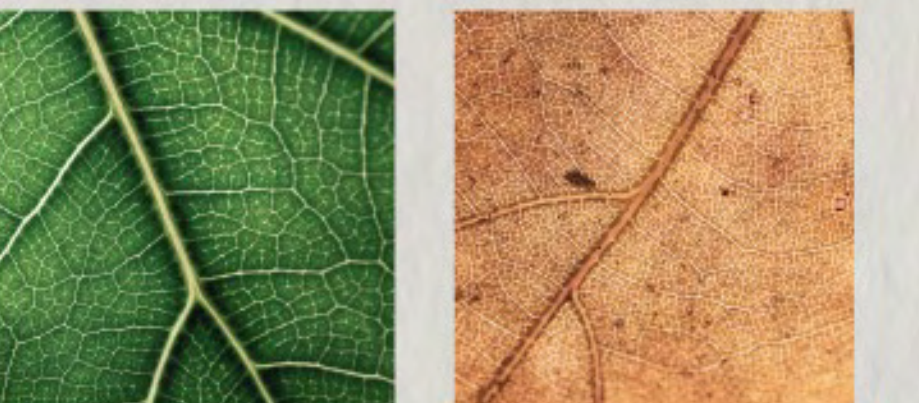
Undivided Faith in God

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Mark 11:24 ^{NIV}

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Hypocrisy

Deceives

Disappoints

Deadly

Fruit of life in/of Christ

Growing in Undivided Faith in God

Growing in Prayerful Fellowship with God

Growing in Forgiveness with Others

