

THE POWER OF FAITH

Matthew 21:18-27

Key Verse: 21:21

"Jesus replied, `I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the [fig](#) tree, but also you can say to this mountain, "Go, throw yourself into the sea," and it will be done.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 18-19. Where had Jesus and the disciples spent the night? Where were they going? What had he been doing the day before?
2. Why was he disappointed in the fig tree? In what way was the fig tree like the religious leaders? What did Jesus say to the fig tree? What happened? Why must we bear fruit? (Jn 15:16; Ge 1:28)
3. Read verses 20-22. What did the amazed disciples ask? What did Jesus teach about the power of faith? About the relationships of faith, prayer and fruitfulness? How can we bear good fruit?
4. When Jesus entered the temple courts and was teaching, what question did the religious leaders ask him? What did they mean by "these things"? What was behind their question?
5. What counter question did Jesus ask? What was the religious leaders' dilemma? What does this show about them? How did Jesus make them speechless? What is the source of Jesus' authority?