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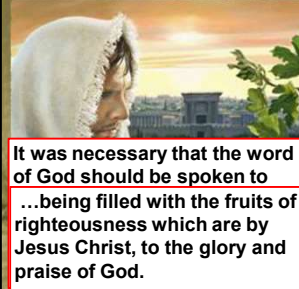
What Jesus Sought & Seeks



- Jesus sought fruit from the fig tree
- He had the right to expect fruit, for it displayed leaves
- Having leaves is a sign of having fruit.
- It should have had small immature fruit on it if it had leaves on it.

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What Jesus Sought & Seeks



- Jesus desired to find fruit in Israel - God's chosen people – **Acts 13:46**
- Jesus Has The Right To Expect Fruit In Us – **Phil. 1:11; Matt. 25:14-30**

It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to ...being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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- We are God's holy & special people – **1 Pet 2:9**
- We should be fruitful unto every good work – **Col. 1:10**
- We should bear the fruit of the Spirit – **Gal. 5:22-23**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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What Jesus Found & Finds



- The tree had the appearance of fruit but had none, it made a false profession.
- In Israel – greed (**15-18**) – questioned authority (**28**) – hypocrites (**Matt. 23:24-27**)

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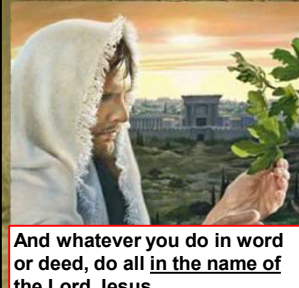


- What Does Jesus Find In His People Today?
 - A people who worship in Spirit & Truth? – **Jn. 4:24**
 - A people who speak where the Bible speaks? – **1 Pet. 4:11**
 - A people who diligently seeks for truth? – **Acts 17:11**
 - A people who are bearing fruit for the Lord?

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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- What Does Jesus Find In His People Today?
 - Unauthorized practices? Commandments of men – **Col. 3:17**
 - Just going through the motions? Insincere? Lack love? – **Rev. 2:1-4**
 - Hypocrites? – **Gal. 2:11-14**
 - Apathetic? – **Rev. 3:14-22**
 - Not bearing fruit?

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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What Jesus Did & Will Do




- Cursed it - "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." (11:14)
- With Israel – Warned them, (Matt. 3:10), Cursed them (Matt. 23:29-36); Prophetic destruction, (Matt. 24) (70 AD)
- With Us?

And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.

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What Jesus Did & Will Do




"I know your works" Rev. 2:2,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15

- Those who are rich in good works – Rom. 2:7-8
- Good and faithful servants . . . – Matt. 25:23, 34
- The steadfast & unmovable – 1 Cor. 15:58

WILL RENDER TO EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good...but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath.

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What Jesus Did & Will Do



- Those who bear thorns & briars will be burned – Heb. 6:8
- Those with no fruit will be "cut off" – Jn. 15:1-6
- Those who are unprofitable will be cast away into "outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." – Matt. 25:30

...but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

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What does Jesus Seek in Us Today?
Fruit - Obedience / Love / Faithfulness
 What Does Jesus Find In Us Today?
 What Would Jesus Do With Us Today?

MARK 11:12-14

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13