

# Sermon Outline

## A KING TO SHAKE UP THE STATUS QUO | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 11:12-25 (p.1443)

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God!"	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8

### 1. First act of judgment: Jesus curses a fig tree (vv12-14)

Betrand Russell, "Why I am not a Christian" (1927)

### 2. Second act of judgment: Jesus clears the Temple courts (vv15-19)

Is 56:7 ... Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Jer 7:9 'Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"—safe to do all these detestable things? 11 Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.

Mk 11:18 **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.

Mk 3:6 Then **the Pharisees** went out and began to plot with **the Herodians** how they might kill Jesus.

### 3. Third act of judgment: the fig tree is dead (vv20-21)

### 4. One almost completely unbelievable promise (vv22-25)

Q1. Is this over-promising (only to under-deliver)?

Q2. What am I actually allowed to ask God for?

Q3. Is our Heavenly Father's forgiveness conditional on us forgiving others?

Mk 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### So what, for us?

Rev 5:5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 Then I saw a **Lamb, looking as if it had been slain**, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.