

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 5-3

Read the story below from Mark 11. Make as many observations as you can on the text. Notice that the text has two encounters with a fig tree (vv. 12-14, 19-21) sandwiched around an event in the temple (vv.15-18). In addition to making observations, explain how the fig tree relates to the episode in the temple

Mark 11:12-21 ESV On the following day, when they came

from Bethany, he was hungry. (13) And seeing in the

distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find

anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but

leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (14) And he said

to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his

disciples heard it. (15) And they came to Jerusalem. And

he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

sold and those who bought in the temple, and he



overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats

of those who sold pigeons. (16) And he would not allow

anyone to carry anything through the temple. (17) And he

was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My

house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?

But you have made it a den of robbers." (18) And the chief

priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to

destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was

astonished at his teaching. (19) And when evening came

they went out of the city. (20) As they passed by in the



morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

(21) And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look!

The fig tree that you cursed has withered.”

