

Cursing the fig tree—The Real Lesson

Matthew 21:19-21 *And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

For a long time, I believed the reason Jesus cursed the fig tree was that He was hungry, and the fig tree was lying to him to have fruit but did not. This however does not seem to be the reason Jesus did this. **This was an object lesson to teach the disciples to learn about their authority and faith in and of God** which is what Jesus did right after cursing the fig tree.

It was not all about Him being *hungry* or the *hypocrisy* of the fig tree for not being fruitful in this season.