

The Messiah

a study of the Gospel according to Matthew / 21:18-22

“Truly I tell you, if you have _____ ...” (21b-c)

What difference does faith without any doubting make in our lives?

1. If we have faith, our lives will be _____.

a. The fig tree's _____.

Early in the morning, as Jesus was on His way back to the city, He was hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found *nothing on it except leaves*. (18-19b)

b. The fig tree's _____.

Then He said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!”
Immediately the tree withered. (19c-e)

* “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

* “If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers,” (John 15:6a-b)

* ... live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father ... (Colossians 1:10-12)

* “This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing [or proving] yourselves to be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

2. If we have faith, our Lord will be _____.

a. The disciple's _____.

When the disciple's saw this, *they were amazed*.
“How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” They asked. (20)

b. The Lord's _____.

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell, **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. *If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer*.” (21-22)

* ... without faith it is impossible to please God, (Hebrews 11:6a)

* “Everything is possible for one who believes.” (Mark 9:23c)

If we have faith, our lives will be fruitful, our Lord will be faithful
and our _____ will be blessed!

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