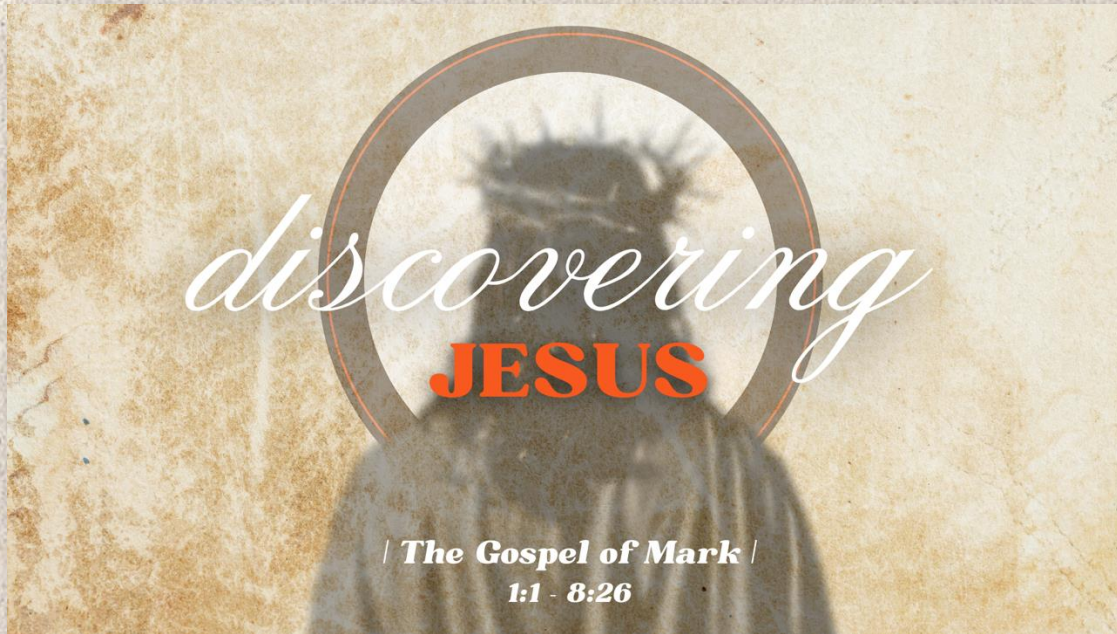


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Public Ministry

“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.” (Mark 1:1)

Disciples must accurately discern who Jesus is

Private Ministry

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Disciples must accept the mission of Jesus, recognising that suffering comes before glory



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The King is coming!

- **Context** – Pilgrims to Jerusalem
- **Mount of Olives** – End times significance (e.g. Zech 14:4)
- **Colt** – Humble king will enter on a donkey (Zech 9:9)
- **Never ridden** – Sacred; appropriate for a king (Num 19:2)
- **Commandeered** – A royal prerogative
- **Cloaks** – Gesture of respect (of a king – 2 Kings 9:12-13)
- **Branches** – Joy of pilgrims
- **“Hosanna”** – Save! (Ps 118:25, 26)
- **“Coming Kingdom of... David”** (18 Benedictions)



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THE UN-TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-25

The Fig Tree



11:12-14



The Fig Sandwich



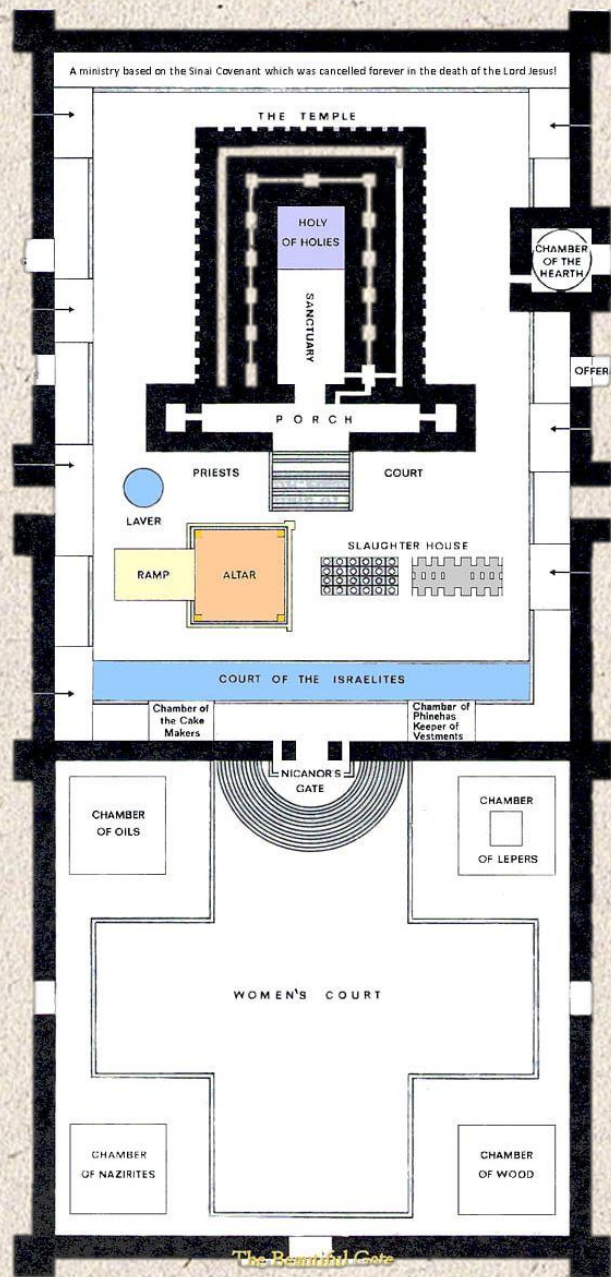
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The Court of the Gentiles

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The Fig Sandwich



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Appropriate response?

- **Have faith in God** (v.22-23)
- **Be a house of prayer** (v.24)
- **Forgive, as you have been forgiven** (v.25)



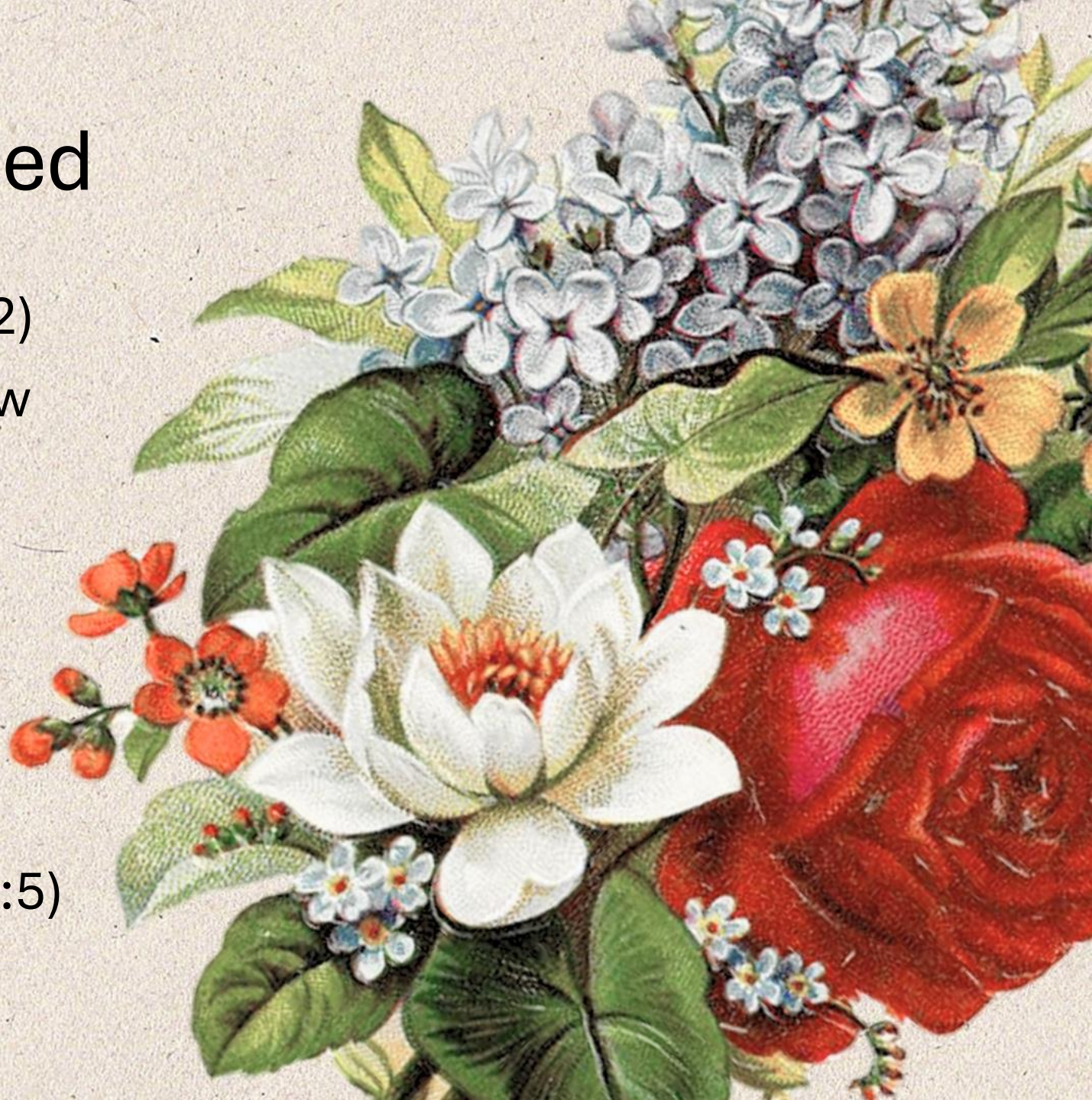


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(cf. Rev 1:20; 2:5; 3:16)

Replaced, not reformed

- Temple will be destroyed (13:2)
- Jesus the cornerstone of a new building (12:10)
- Jesus' body the new temple (14:58)
- The curtain of the temple torn in two (15:38)
- The church is now God's temple (1 Cor 3:16-17; 1 Pet 2:5)
- **This temple is open to all**





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3. **Foster a community for all people, characterised by faith, prayer and forgiveness**

Let's receive our King and make The Orchard Church a place of spiritual vitality.