

“Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 11:1-11:33

“Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you.

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.”

Mark 11:24-25, NAS

The Outline

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The Words

Sent - ἀποστέλλει - literally: *send forth, send out* (Mark 11:1); in relation to a sender: *send with a commission, send with authority, send for a purpose* (Matthew 11:10).

Hosanna - ὡσαννά - a word transliterated from the Hebrew; strictly, a cry expressing an appeal for divine help: *Save! Help, we pray!*; in a liturgical usage, a shout of praise and worship: *hosanna, we praise you* (Matthew 21:9). By the New Testament period, the word had become a strictly liturgical formula of praise.

Temple - ἱερόν - a sacred enclosed area under the protection of a god: *temple* (Acts 19:27); the temple of God at Jerusalem including the whole sacred area with its buildings, courts, walls, and gates (Matthew 21:12); everything that belongs to the temple and its service: *the holy or sacred things* (1 Corinthians 9:13).

Robbers - ληστής - literally: *robber, bandit, highwayman*, one who seizes by violence, in contrast to a thief (κλέπτης) who uses stealth (Luke 10:30); politically: *an insurrectionist, revolutionary, rebel* who favors the use of force (John 18:40); figuratively of unscrupulous, greedy, or overambitious leaders (John 10:8).

Den - σπήλαιον - literally: *cave* (John 11:38); also: *den*, as used by robbers for hiding away from justice and for storing loot; metaphorically of the misuse and abuse of temple privileges by a dishonest priesthood: *hideout, refuge* (Matthew 21:13).

Doubt - διακριθῆναι - (1) as debating an issue: *dispute, contend, argue* (Acts 11:2); (b) as being undecided within oneself: *doubt, hesitate, waver* (James 1:6).

Forgive - ἀφίετε - (1) *send off or away, let go* (Mark 4:36); (2) as a legal term: *divorce* (1 Corinthians 7:11); (3) *abandon, leave behind* (Matthew 26:56); (4) of duty and obligation: *reject, set aside, neglect* (Mark 7:8); (5) of toleration: *let go, leave in peace, allow* (Mark 11:6); (6) of sins or debts: *forgive, pardon, cancel* (Luke 7:47).

The Quotations

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

- Psalm 118:25

Even those I will bring to My holy mountain,

And make them joyful in My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;

For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

- Isaiah 56:7

“Has this house, which is called by My name,

Become a den of robbers in your sight?

Behold, I, even I, have seen it,”

Declares the LORD.

- Jeremiah 7:11