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I appreciate that the bible is careful to include a day by day recording of the activities and teaching of Jesus during Holy Week. Starting with Palm Sunday and moving to Resurrection Sunday, we can walk with Jesus and His disciples through the entire week. One of those great stories come from the Monday of Holy Week, when we are told that Jesus and His disciples happen upon a fig tree that had leaves but did not have fruit. Jesus is so upset with the tree that He curses it on the spot. Leaves on a tree represent receiving. Through their leaves plants receive their two most important necessities; carbon dioxide and sunlight. Fruit represents giving. The fruit of all plants are the offering of the plant back to the world to be shared with all who need it. There is a great lesson here for disciples of every era; we can’t be all leaves with no fruit.

The Christian life should not be just receiving the blessing of God without giving back to humanity. Just as a tree receives through its leaves and gives by way of fruit, we are all called to accept the blessings of God and then share our fruit with the world. Jesus simple said it this way; “Bear much fruit!”

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