



MATTHEW

Who is YOUR King?!?





Is He Predictable?

Matthew 21:18-22

Matthew 21:12-27



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you know,
not like a
tame lion.”**



Paradox!



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Matthew 20:18-19



And seeing a fig tree by the road,
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Matthew 21:19a



Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28



A bruised reed He will not break,
and smoking flax He will not
quench . . .

Matthew 12:20a



And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You **cursed** has withered away.”

Mark 11:21



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the firstfruits on the fig tree in its
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Hosea 9:10



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Hosea 9:15b-16



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Matthew 26:3-4



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But the sons of the kingdom will be
cast out into outer darkness.

Matthew 8:12b



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to the city, He was hungry.

Matthew 21:18



And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away.

Matthew 21:19



And when the disciples saw *it*, they
marveled, saying, “How did the fig
tree wither away so soon?”

Matthew 21:20



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And whatever things you ask in
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Matthew 21:22

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Application: fruitfulness matters . . . a LOT!



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John 15:16



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Colossians 1:10b



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You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:16a



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Philippians 1:9-11a



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offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that
is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His
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Hebrews 13:15b



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- **conversations of gratitude and worship**



Now the **fruit** of righteousness is sown in
peace by those who make peace.

James 3:18



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- **conversations of gratitude and worship**
- **conciliatory choices**



you sent *aid* once and again for my
necessities.

Philippians 4:16b-17



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Not that I seek the gift, but I seek
the **fruit** that abounds to your account.

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Lift up your eyes and look at the
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And he who reaps receives wages, and
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John 4:35b-36



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John 14:12



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Matthew 8:10



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- We represent Him
- He acts through us



“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

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Our Response:





. . . they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:7



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. . . [Jesus] spoke this parable: “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

Luke 13:6b-9



Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

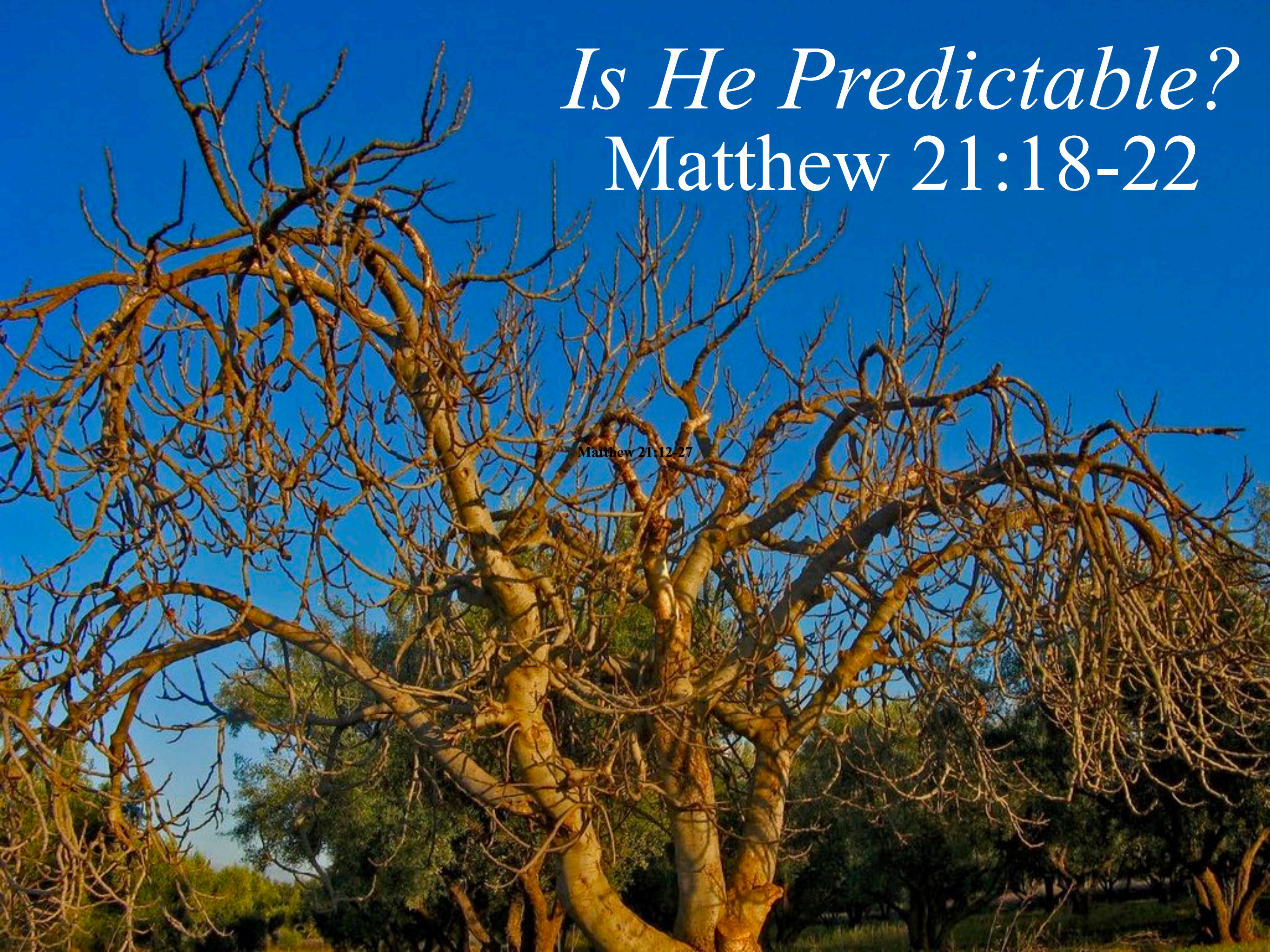


Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “**Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree**”

Galatians 3:13



Live gratefully!
Love generously!



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