Discussion Questions for "Encounter at the Temple"
Mark 11:12-21

1. What new insight did you gain by watching this video? How do you respond to this new insight? How will you realign your life based on this new understanding?

2. In this teaching, we demonstrated that Yeshua considered the entire Temple Mount to be the sanctified House of God. The merchants and moneychangers set up shop inside the Court of the Gentiles. Compare this situation with the prophecy in Zechariah 14:16-21 where he said there would be no Canaanite in the House of God. Isaiah 56:7 says that the House of God is for "all nations," Jew and Gentile. How are these two prophecies not in conflict with each other?

3. Using the fig tree, Yeshua illustrates for his followers that judgement is coming to that generation because of their lack of repentance. However, many individuals believed in Yeshua as Messiah but also, to some degree suffered the effects of the coming judgment. What are some other examples in the Bible where judgement was executed on Israel as a whole, while individuals were saved? How were their lives affected by the national judgment?

4. In the prophecy spoken by Yeshua in Mark 13:28-31, verse 30 is often singled out and quoted by prophecy teachers as referring to our own generation today. For instance, the generation born from the time of the founding of the modern nation of Israel (1948) or the retaking of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount (1967). In the broader context of the passage, and in the scope of Yeshua's other parables and teachings as well as considering the generational aspect of the sign of the cursing of the fig tree, is this common interpretation valid? What would be an alternate interpretation and perhaps a more likely future fulfillment of this prophecy?

5. In removing the merchants and moneychangers, Yeshua was directing His righteous judgment, not necessarily against them, but against the corruption of the priesthood. What are the words of the prophets regarding a corrupt and greedy Levites and priesthood?