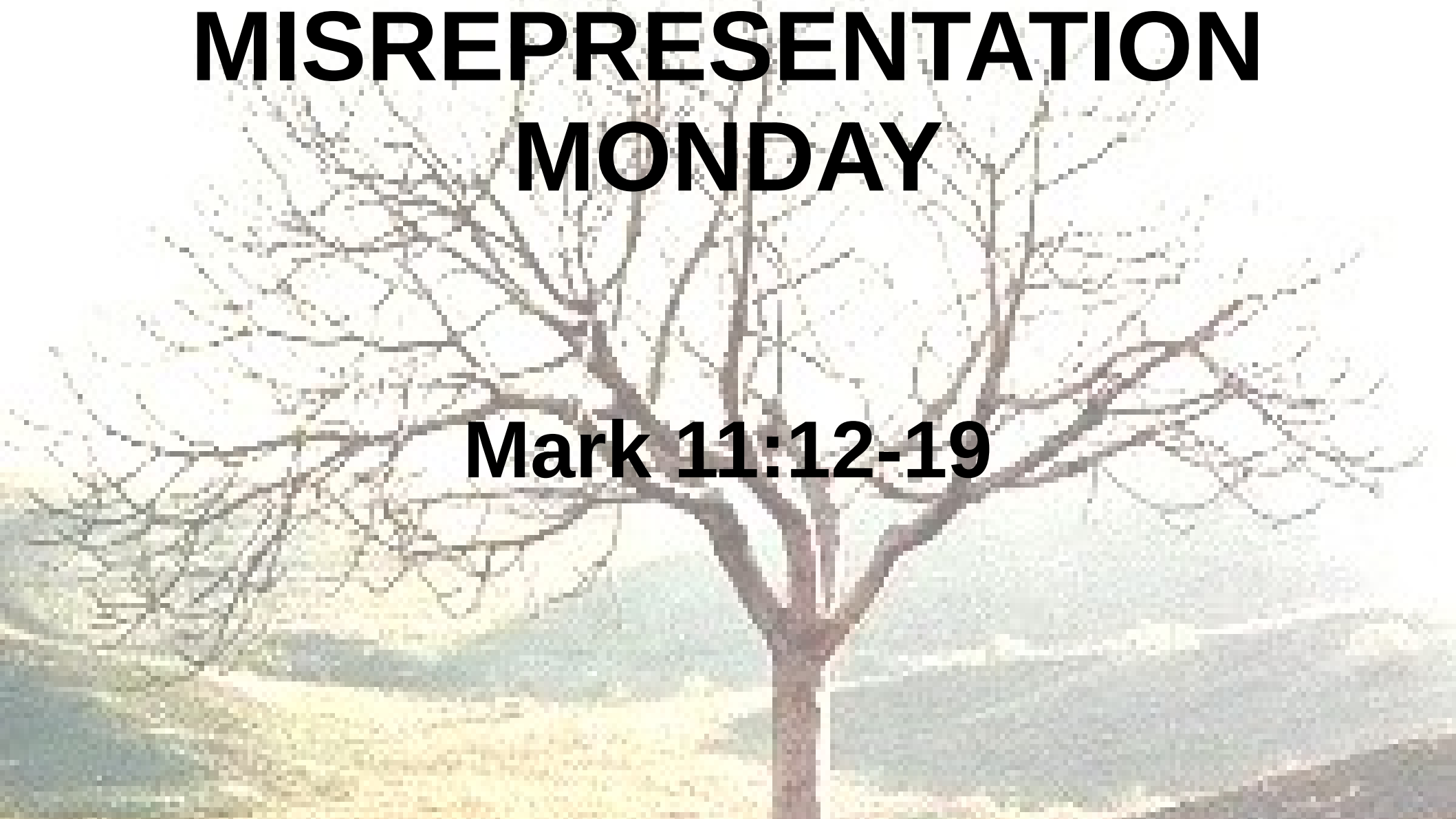


# **MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY**

**Mark 11:12-19**



# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- Some things are just not always what they appear to be.
- Have you ever had an expectation about something, and when you finally were exposed to it, you were disappointed?
- You just envisioned certain things a certain way and it was nothing like what you had pictured in your mind.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- I've had this happen to me on occasion.
  - The U.S. Open Tennis Tournament.
  - A vacation spot.
  - A movie.
- Maybe this has happened to you also.
  - Your expectations about an individual.
  - Your expectations about a congregation.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- The Monday before Jesus's death was certainly such a day.
- Two major events are recorded that demonstrate why this was the case.
  - The cursing of the fig tree.
  - The cleansing of the Temple.
- Today, we are going to explore these two events.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## THE FIG TREE

- After spending the night in Bethany, Jesus gets up early to go to Jerusalem.
- He is very hungry.
- Fig tree had green leaves but no fruit.
- Jesus curses the tree.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

- Jesus makes his way to the court of the Gentiles, where animals were purchased.
- No doubt disgusted by what he had already seen the night before, he has returned to set things straight.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

- Jesus drove out those who sold and bought in the temple.
- He overturned tables.
- He refused to let anyone carry anything through the temple.

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

- What was so offensive that caused this reaction?
  - The same thing that caused irritation towards the fig tree.
  - Misrepresentation. A house of prayer had been turned into a den of robbers.



# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

- **Here is what was happening?**
  - Merchandising
  - Money changing
  - Mockery

# MISREPRESENTATION MONDAY

- *Consider the.....*

## POINTS FOR US

- **Don't misrepresent who you are.**
- **Don't be the reason why others may feel contempt for coming to worship. 1 Sam. 2:12-17, 22-25.**
- **There needs to be a cleansing of the church.  
What's wrong must be driven out and what would corrupt must be stopped at the door.**