

## **SPIRITUAL TASK —PALM SUNDAY AND THE FIG TREE** (Matt 21)

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**Story** Today we discussed the Palm Sunday story and those before and after it. James & John's mother asked for them to sit at the Lord's right and left hand. He replied greatness is in serving. Two blind men were healed by the Lord crying out, "Have mercy on us!" Then the Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while people laid palms before Him. He then went to the temple and drove out the moneychangers and then cursed a fig tree that had no fruit on it, and it withered away. The disciples marveled at this and He told them they could do great things also if they truly believed.

**Meaning** We considered all of these stories today as a way of looking at attitudes we must strive to foster in ourselves if we are to regenerate. The attitudes are:

1. Asking, "How can I be of service?"
2. Trying to develop a humble heart
3. Trying to always ask, "What would the Lord say about this?"
4. Developing a sense of reverence and respect for the Lord and all that He creates.
5. Working on trusting the Lord and not doubting His teachings and ways of doing things.

**Task** This week we will work on attitude number one. Everyday wake up and tell yourself that you were born to learn to be of use and service to others. In each situation you encounter in that day simply ask yourself, "How can I be of service here?"