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v. 18-22 Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

v. 23 Jesus' Authority is Questioned and Challenged

v. 24-32 Parable of two sons

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v. 22:1-14 Parable of the wedding feast

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