



# Praying Like Jesus

Matthew 21:22

# Powerful Prayer

- **Matthew 21:18 – 22 (Mark 11:12 – 25)**
  - This was a two day process
  - As much about faith as prayer!
- **A very personal question:**
  - Why didn't I get what I asked for?
  - Most of us have "unanswered" prayers

# There is more to the story

- John (the last supper discussion)
  - 14:12,13 “do what I have been doing”
  - 15:7 “if you remain in me”
  - 16:23 – 26 “my father will give you whatever you ask in my name”
- Luke 22:42 “yet not my will, but yours be done”

# Did John get it?

- 1 John 5:13 - 16
- “This is the confidence we have”
- “If we ask anything according to his will”
- “We know we have what we asked of him”

# Jesus didn't always pray!

- Matthew 8:23 - 27
- Not just a play on words: of course Jesus always prayed (regularly, daily, often, etc)
- But here: Jesus just slept
- Doesn't sound like the disciples really prayed here either (they did look to Jesus)

# practical

- Matthew 6:7
  - How much prayer is “enough” prayer?
  - Doesn't seem to encourage lots of words
  - Does some of this boil down to trust?
  - How much of our issues with prayer come from not really praying?