

leaves <sup>condemns</sup>  
Nothing But Leaves

Define the leaves = no external visible signs?  
true sign + productivity

- it is smoke without fire  
clouds without rain

I - Disappointing = found no fruit, he was hungry

It's sin becomes its own punishment  
- want use ability, lose ability  
- looks up at the roots = nothing  
symptom, external about the cause

- 1. it is hypocrisy
- 2. it is failure = purpose is to bear fruit
- 3. it is neglect/unk = useless, useless to world =

II - Deceitful

Describes God  
Denies others would  
Denies ~~itself~~  
Disappoints Hungary

- promise w/out fulfillment
- break its promise
- sin w/out life
- a mirage
- it contains a remainder of our promise, a warning against failure

III Dangerous, Destructive

curse = perpetrated its condition

It's sin warns its punishment

- 1 - useless to itself
- 2 - useless to the world

exists inf for itself =  
no fruit for others  
denies its intended purpose  
Deceives, Hypocrite

Leaves are good, but nothing but leaves is not

- leaves w/out fruit demonstrated it was not able, possible to bear fruit - if it had not thrown fruit by now, it would

- Some times x acts in such a systematic, severe way we almost disbelieve

- what we don't can't explain, we explain away

- Text

- But seems too a reason = context shows this was an obvious object lesson

- Found nothing, but leaves = nothing, wrong unless w  
w/ leave

Why Jesus curses a nothing But Leaves  
Religion. <sup>1. Hypocrite</sup>  
2. Presumption

I - a nothing But Leaves Religion needs,  
buds, flowers, roots, its O-expected  
purpose in life = to bear fruit.

1. not an unreasonable expectation - purpose  
of its creation
2. not an impossible = healthy life, not  
effort, etc

II Declines, Professes what it does not  
have = Decline a (Miserable)

1. Leaves promise fruit
2. not season = uproot messiah as King

III - Expecting nothing = no fruit for others  
O man centers us for ourselves = (Hence) others