

Clearing Out the Temple

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...my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)

The House of Prayer

Matthew 21:12-16, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-17

“Scripture says, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer.’,” called Jesus. “But you’ve made it a den of thieves!”

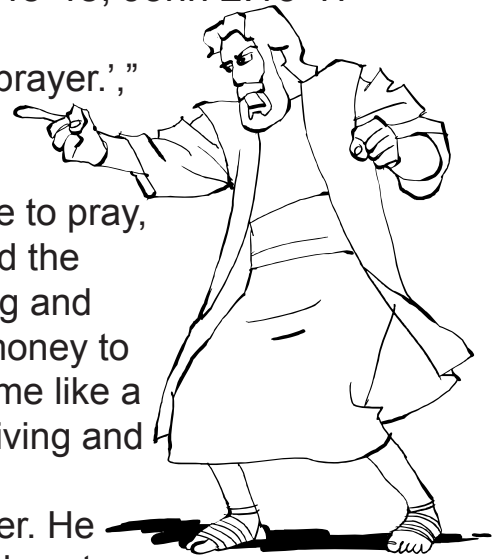
Jesus and His disciples arrived at the Temple in Jerusalem--this was the holy place where people came to pray, make sacrifices and celebrate God. When they entered the Temple, the open spaces were filled with people buying and selling doves, animals, other products and changing money to the special Temple money. The holy Temple had become like a regular market and worse -- the merchants were deceiving and stealing from the people who came to worship God!

Seeing all this, Jesus got upset with a righteous anger. He made a whip out of some cords and chased the animals out of there! He threw over the money tables and sent the coins clinking across the floor as the doves flew around wildly. Jesus wouldn’t let them carry their stuff in the Temple anymore.

“Stop making my Father’s house into a market!” Jesus called after the merchants.

When Jesus finished clearing out the Temple area, the blind, lame and children came to Him and He healed them and taught them about God.

The leaders in the Temple got really mad at Jesus. They wanted to have Him killed, but they couldn’t do anything because they knew the people loved listening as He taught them about God.

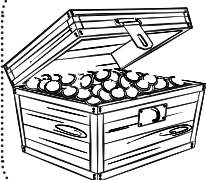


What did we discover?

- 1) God’s Temple was in _____.
NINEVEH BABYLON JERUSALEM
- 2) People were selling animals and _____ people in the Temple.
TEACHING ROBBING HELPING
- 3) Jesus got upset with the _____ things they were doing in the Temple.
BAD GOOD HELPFUL
- 4) The Temple of God should be a place of _____ and honesty.
ANIMALS PRAYER MARKETS



**Have I seen something that should be different?
How can I help change that?**



I can help change things for the good.
With Jesus’ help, I can help make things better.



**Lord, help me see the way
You do and bring change for good.**

