

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was it wrong for people to sell and trade in the temple?
- What ways are people kept from worshiping God today?
- What can we do to help people worship God?

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Jesus Cleansed the Temple

Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19

MAIN POINT: JESUS DROVE OUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE MISUSING THE TEMPLE.

It was the week of Passover. Jesus, His followers, and many other Jewish people traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate.

Jesus and His disciples went into the temple area. What Jesus saw made Him angry. People were doing things they were not supposed to be doing. Some were buying and selling animals for sacrifices.

Other people had set up tables, and they were exchanging money. And still other people were carrying supplies through the temple area, using it as a shortcut to get from one side of the city to the other.

Jesus made those people leave. He pushed over the tables of the money changers, and He pushed over the chairs of the people selling doves. Jesus said, "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? You have made this temple into a den of thieves!" They were misusing the temple—God's house. Jesus was right to be angry!

The religious leaders saw that the people were amazed at the things Jesus taught and at the miracles He did. Children began shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

The religious leaders did not like what was happening. The religious leaders were afraid of Jesus, so they started looking for a way to kill Him. That evening, Jesus and His disciples left Jerusalem. They went to the nearby city of Bethany and spent the night there.

Christ Connection: When Jesus cleared the dishonest people from the temple, He showed His commitment to honoring God. The temple was supposed to be a place where people could pray and worship God. Jesus was going to die on the cross to take away people's sins so anyone who trusted in Him could come to God.