

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?



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.

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Not in My House

Circle the items that don't belong in the temple.



Get Out of Here!

Mark whether each statement is true or false. Correct the false statements. Check your work by reading Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19.

TRUE FALSE

1. Jesus was in Jerusalem for Thanksgiving.
2. People were selling snacks in the temple.
3. What Jesus saw made Him happy.
4. Jesus let the people stay in the temple.

TRUE FALSE

5. Jesus said the people misused God's car.
6. Jesus went to the temple to sleep.
7. The animals praised Jesus.
8. The religious leaders loved Jesus.

Correct or Incorrect?

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INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the pictures that show people using items correctly. Mark an X over those with items used incorrectly.



KEY PASSAGE: Luke 4:18

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death and to proclaim Him until He returns.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS CLEANSED THE TEMPLE

- Jesus saw people using the temple to buy and sell things.
- Jesus was angry because the temple was a place to worship.
- Jesus drove out the people who were misusing the temple.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Is it sinful to be angry?
- Why was Jesus' anger righteous?
- What else did Jesus drive out that prevents us from worshiping God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan a family outing to a farmer's or flea market in your area. Discuss with your kids why using the temple as a market angered Jesus.
- Encourage your kids to invite friends to church this week. Offer to pick up the kids and take them home after service.



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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”

Luke 4:18

