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Luke 19:41–48 ESV

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,
⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day
the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from
your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your
enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you
and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the
ground, you and your children within you. And they will not
leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not
know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.” ⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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A person with a crown of thorns and a white robe, seen from behind, standing against a bright, glowing background. The word 'CROSS' is written in large, red, outlined letters across the image.

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Luke 13:34 ESV

³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and **you were not willing!**

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Luke 19:45–46 ESV

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘***My house shall be a house of prayer,***’ ***but you have made it a den of robbers.***”

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Isaiah 56:7 ESV

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

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Mark 11:17a ESV

^{17a} And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?”

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Jeremiah 7:11 ESV

¹¹ Has this house, which is called by my name, become a **den of robbers** in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord.

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Matthew 3:7 ESV

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “**You brood of vipers!** Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

Matthew 12:34 ESV

³⁴ You **brood of vipers!** How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 23:33 ESV

³³ You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

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