

ICON

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



MESSAGE: ICON – Table (Disruption)

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On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. (Mark 11:15-18, NIV)

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" (John 2:13-16, NIV)

What Jesus saw

Passover crowds

Temple courts

Sacrificial system

What Jesus did

Disrupted the sacrificial system

What Jesus said

'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations' (from Isaiah 56:7)

But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' (from Jeremiah 7:11)

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3, NIV)

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6, NIV)

What the religious leaders said

"He scares us ... we've got to kill him"

What it meant then

Jesus was angry

Jesus looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus. (Mark 3:5-6, NIV)

Jesus only got angry when people missed the point ... when their values were upside down ... when they prized things over people

Jesus was sending a message to the religious leaders: "Everything you've known is about to change"

What it means today

Beware of righteous anger

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment." (Matthew 5:21-22, NIV)

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:26-27, NIV)

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. (James 1:19-20, NIV)

Anger at times will be justified. But beware: with it comes an easy trap for sin

Let Jesus disrupt your life ... so he can shake up your values

*Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”
(Luke 12:15, NIV)*

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” (Matthew 6:25, NIV)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... (Psalm 46:1-2, NIV)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32, NIV)



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