



Title: Jesus at the Temple

Scripture: Matthew 21:12-17

Date Preached: July 11, 2021

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Where is your favorite place to vacation? What make this place so special?

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Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. This passage is the beginning of Holy Week. It is the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. With this context in mind, why are the events in this passage so significant?
2. Why was Jesus upset with what was taking place in the temple? What was the core issue?
3. What do you think of Jesus' actions? Is this congruent to his behavior in other ministry interactions?
4. Verse 14 tells us that Jesus stayed in the temple healing people and the chief priests and teachers of law became "indignant." Why did they feel this way?
5. As we see time and time again in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is concerned with the matters of our heart. Read Matthew 6:21. How does this verse resonate with what was taking place in the temple when Jesus arrived? What did the overturning of the tables signify?

MY NEXT STEP:

This week reflect on the matters of your heart. Ask yourself the questions: Where is my treasure? What do I value most?

Next Week's Sermon Title: Great Command