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## THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**

That you may have certainty!

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*"If Jerusalem was a beehive,  
with his triumphal entry,  
**Jesus had hit it with a stick.***

*You could hear the buzz  
grow as the anger within  
got organized."*




**Russ Ramsey, Pastor**  
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# TEMPLE CLEANSING

## THE PLOT THICKENS

Luke 19:45-48

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## Temple Cleansing Luke 19:45-48

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<sup>45</sup> He went into the temple and began to throw out those who were selling, <sup>46</sup> and he said, "It is written, my house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!"

<sup>47</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people were looking for a way to kill him, <sup>48</sup> but they could not find a way to do it, because all the people were captivated by what they heard.

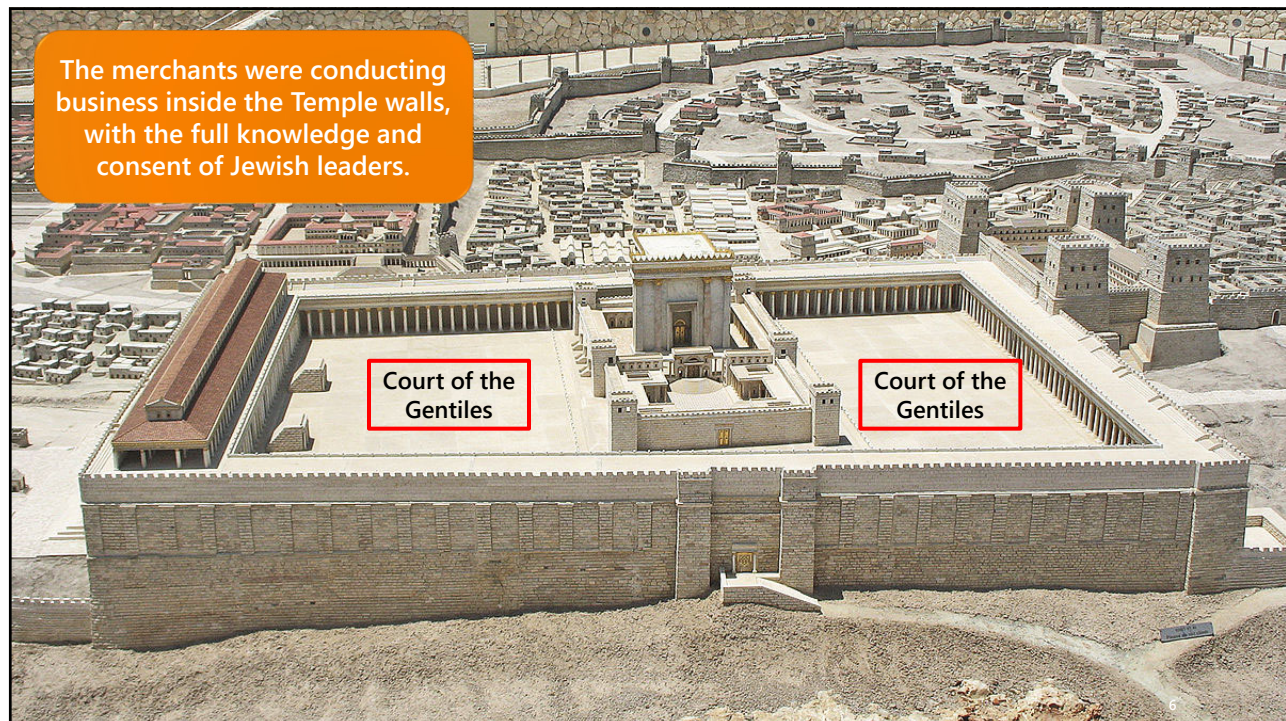
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*<sup>45</sup> He went into the temple and began to throw out those who were selling,*

- Immediately after His triumphal entry Jesus went to the Temple.
- Where He found merchants conducting routine business.
  - ❖ Selling sacrificial animals and exchanging money so worshipers could pay Temple taxes.
  - ❖ Normal activities part of Temple worship
  - ❖ It's not **what** they were doing, but rather **where** they were doing it that upset Jesus.

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***46 and he said, "It is written, my house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!"***

### **Isaiah 56:7**

*"I will bring them to my holy mountain and let them rejoice in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, **for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.**"*

- Jesus indicted all of Israel for failing to be sensitive to God, even at the Temple!
- The nation had turned the Temple into exactly the opposite of what it was designed to be.
- In the very presence of God, as it appears to worship, the nation dishonors its God.

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**Is it any wonder that Jesus was angry!**

- ✘ They missed the Messiah (Luke 19:41-44)
- ✘ They failed to worship God properly.
- ✘ They failed to represent God properly to the nations.
- ✘ They failed to gain His blessing.

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## PASSION WEEK

### Jesus' Daily Routine

- Luke says Jesus taught in the temple during the day, **every day**.
- Matthew & Mark tell us that Jesus spent nights in Bethany, which is on the Mount of Olives.
- Bethany was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

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## Angry Bees

### Jesus' Adversaries

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- Chief Priests
- Scribes
- Leaders of the People

"Looking for a way to kill him"

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- **Religious leaders made no progress,** despite their powerful positions.
- **Powerless because of Jesus' popularity:**
  - ❖ His teaching was captivating
  - ❖ People hung on every word He spoke
  - ❖ It drew all types of people to the Temple

**Hard to believe that this group  
will turn against Jesus in  
just a few short days.**



## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Pastor Ramsey said it well, Jesus smacked the beehive, with full force, immediately upon arriving in Jerusalem.
- In a prophetic act guaranteed to draw attention, He cleansed the Temple and compared it to the time right before the exile.
- Clearly Jesus had come to confront the nation and call it to repentance. The die had been cast!
- The people were faced with a choice then, just as we are faced with one now.
- **Who is this Jesus and what shall we do with Him?**