

Matt 21: 12 - 17

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1. Jesus' clearing of the temple may strike us as surprisingly extreme response, but it was actually out of his zeal/passion for God (cf. John 2:17). When we see injustice, rampant sin, or pain and suffering, are our hearts stirred up to "do something", or have we become used to inaction?
2. Jesus highlighted the true purpose of the temple: to be a "house of prayer" (cf. Isaiah 56:7, "house of prayer for all peoples"). As God's people, how can we also be a "house of prayer", both as individuals and collectively as a church?
3. Jesus accused the merchants in the temple of making the place a "den of thieves"; their actions were distracting away from the purpose of the temple. During this season of lent, what are some distractions that are still hindering us from truly focusing on worshipping God and listening to His voice?