

MATTHEW

February 26, 2023

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Mark 11:15-18

Luke 19:45-48

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is your usual mental image of Jesus? (How do you typically see/envision Him?)

How do Jesus' actions in this passage amend your image of Him?

2. What are the conditions in the temple that set Jesus off (vv. 12-13)?

3. What was the temple intended to be?

How was the temple considered to be God's house?

- 2 Samuel 7:1-2
- 1 Kings 5:3-5
- 1 Kings 8:10-11
- 1 Kings 8:28-30

4. What is God's house today and how is it still to be a "a house of prayer" (c.f., 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20)?

5. Into what had the temple been turned?

6. How does Jesus' anger differ from our typical anger? (What is behind His anger . . . our anger?)

- Galatians 5:19-21
- James 1:19-20
- Ephesians 4:26

7. In contrast to wrath, Jesus next expresses _____ (v. 14; c.f., Romans 11:22a).

8. What causes the chief priests & scribes to react now (vv. 15-16)?

Why had they not reacted when Jesus was clearing the temple (c.f., Malachi 3:1-2)?

9. Jesus replies with Psalm 8:2. What does David say the utterances of these infants and nursing babes will do? How does this fit the occasion Jesus quotes it?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will cultivate the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) this week by . . .

I will use praise in spiritual warfare (Psalm 8:2) this week by . . .

I will use the word of God in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:17) this week by . . .