

**God
dwells
among
us.**



Last week we talked about the
The Tabernacle & Temple

*The Lord said to Moses...
Then have the people of Israel
make a sanctuary for me and
I will dwell among them.*

- Exodus 25:8

The Temple served as the center of Jewish life...

- **Community Gatherings**
 - **Religious Meetings**
 - **Education/Teaching**
 - **Worship of God**
 - **Atonement of Sin**

**Right after Jesus' triumphant
entry into Jerusalem...**

Matthew 21:1-11

**Jesus enters the Temple and
begins to clear house...**

Matthew 21:12-17

(Jesus) said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!”

- Matthew 21:13

Isaiah 56:7 | Jeremiah 7:11

This is where God dwelled among His people.

**Jesus saw the Temple
being misused...**

**The enterprise of sacrifice selling
had taken precedence over
coming into the presence of God.**

This is where God dwelled among His people.

**Jesus saw the faithful
being burdened...**

**Price gouging was commonplace,
making it difficult for people to
fulfill their religious duties.**

This is where God dwelled among His people.

**Jesus saw religious leaders
being compromised...**

**They prioritized profits, shirking
their religious calling to fill
Temple coffers and their pockets.**

**This scene has been depicted
in a variety of ways,
and yet what remains clear...**

Jesus was disgusted
at what was transpiring in His Father's house.

God's desire to be with us and for us to be with Him. When we come into His presence...

God should be prioritized.

Nothing should distract us away from Him.

All should be welcomed.

Access should not be limited to anyone.

Accountability should be expected.

We should be held responsible for our actions.

**They were stealing the sacredness
of the space that had been set
apart for the communing with God.**

***I love your sanctuary, Lord, the place
where your glorious presence dwells.***

- Psalm 26:8

