

# HOLY WEEK AT HOME

## Monday: Trouble In The Temple

### READ FROM THE BIBLE: MATTHEW 21:12-17

"Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves."

Read the whole passage in your own Bible, or [find it here](#).



### TALK IT THROUGH

1. What might you have thought and felt, if you had been worshipping in the temple that day?
2. What might make it harder for some people to access worship today? How can we remove those barriers?
3. Who in this story really recognised Jesus?
4. How does this story point us forward to the events at the end of the week?

*Why not join the discussion on these questions from 7pm on the Bodmin Team Churches Facebook group? Your thoughts would be very welcome!*

### DO IT AT HOME

Think of someone you know who wouldn't go to church normally – perhaps because they can't get there, or they don't think God is for them.

Make them an Easter card to send this week, inviting them to celebrate this special season. You could include an encouraging message or a prayer.

### THINK IT OVER

Worship at the temple was big business, especially at in festival season. Everyone needed to buy animals to sacrifice and they could only do so with the proper temple currency (not their everyday coins). So those out to make a quick quid would cheat and swindle the faithful, making a profit out of their desire to worship God well. As a result, the poor found it much harder to come to worship – they just didn't have the means to pay such high prices.

Jesus' other actions in the temple demonstrated just how important it was to him, that everyone was able to come and be with God. Those who had illnesses and disabilities were normally excluded, and children too were looked down on. While the religious leaders grumbled about Jesus, these were the people who celebrated his presence and ministry in the temple.

### PRAY

Jesus, thank you that you made a way for everyone to come to God. Help me to use that privilege well this week, to spend time with you and grow in my faith. Amen.

