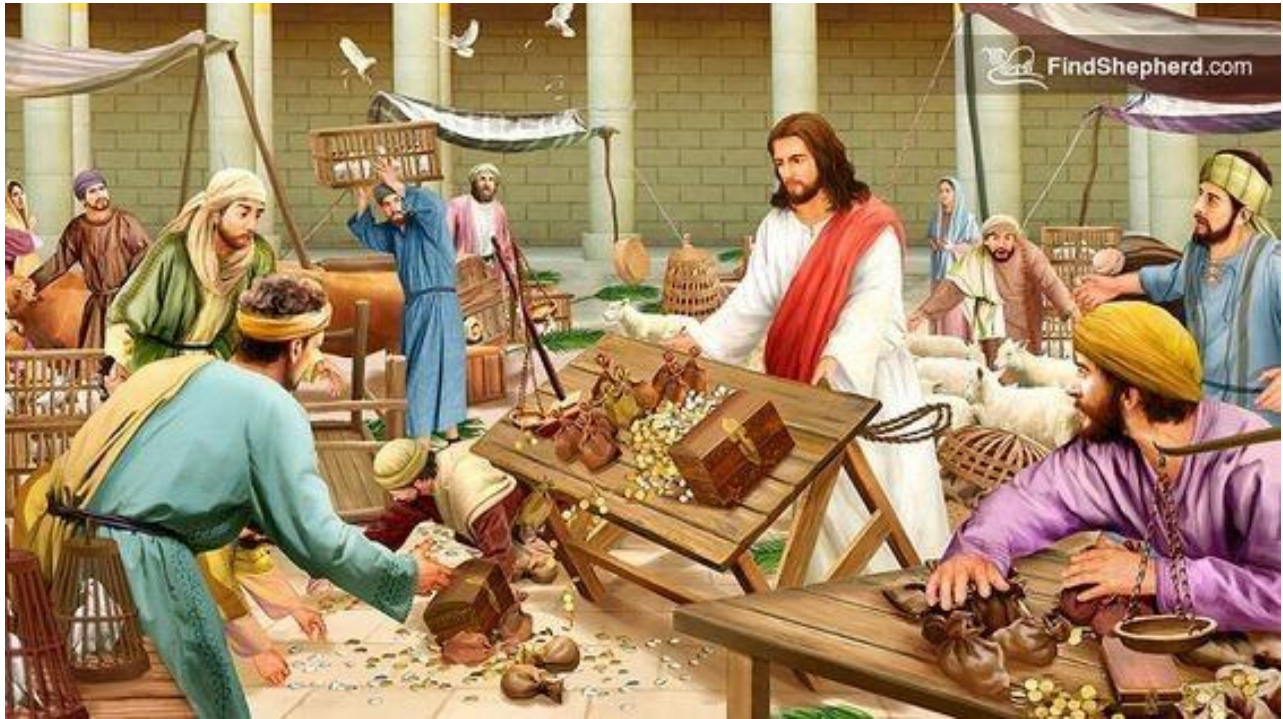


Session 2: Cleansing The Temple – Righteous Anger



Putting Yourself in the Picture

This simple 21st Century drawing from 'Find the Shepherd' website combines elements of the story found in all four gospels. In all but the Gospel of John, this event happens shortly after the Triumphant Entry.

Read Jeremiah 7:1-4,11. Then read Mark 11:15-19 and John 2:13-21

How do the gospel passages reflect Jeremiah's prophesy? In which ways do they differ?

In which gospel is Jesus' anger more intense? How is Jesus' 'righteous anger' depicted in the picture?

The money changers and vendors were part of Temple life. How would they react to Jesus' actions?

In view of the Triumphant Entry, how does this event affect the religious leaders fear of Jesus?
Is their concern justified?

Read Matthew 5:21-26. (Note: The Aramaic word 'raca' is one of contempt similar to the word 'idiot'.)
What does Jesus' teaching tell us about uncontrolled or hurtful anger?

How can we as disciples and servants of Jesus focus 'righteous anger' on unjust and inhumane conditions?