

*Monday, April 6*



Begin with prayer:

**Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Read Mark 11:15 – 19 (or listen to the children’s Bible version)

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’?

But you have made it a den of robbers.”

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

Some things to Think About:

We usually think of Jesus as kind and gentle, but in this instance, Jesus is angry. Jesus spent a lot of time in the temple. He taught there; he healed there; He loved the temple. Seeing the temple misused makes Jesus angry. Holy Week is full

of strong emotions and Jesus experiences them all. As we enter this journey with Jesus, we will experience strong emotions as well. That is ok. What injustices do you see that make you feel angry? What can you do to help change things?

If you have some loose coins around, put them in a dish on your table to remind you of Jesus flipping the tables of the moneychangers. May they serve to remind you to pray for situations of injustice. May they serve to remind you to continue to offer your tithes and offerings to God. May they serve to remind you of the 30 pieces of silver that will play a role later in the week.