

# Jesus clears the Temple.

Matthew 21:12-16; Mark 11:12-19; Luke 19:45-48

Jesus went to the Temple. The Temple was a special place for talking to God and learning about Him. But there were people in the Temple who were making noise selling things.

“Doves for sale!” someone shouted.

“Buy your lambs over here!” Someone else called. They were charging too much and cheating the people. The sellers were so loud that people who wanted to pray couldn’t. No one could talk to God or learn about Him when people were yelling like that.

When Jesus saw this, He was angry. Jesus forced the sellers to leave the Temple. Then sick people came to Jesus. Jesus healed them and talked to the people about God.

The temple was supposed to be a place where people could come and pray. Jesus said, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

We do not have to go to church to pray. We can pray anywhere at anytime and God hears us. Prayer is talking to God just like we talk to a person.

One of the ways we can pray is CATS.

C= Confess the things we have done wrong. Telling on ourselves to God. He already knows anyway.

A= Adoration—this means telling God that we love Him and to tell him how great He is.

T=Thank God for all the things He has done and is doing for us.

S= Supplication means asking God for what we and others need.

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6-7 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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