



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- a) He hates money.
- b) He doesn't want anyone to keep others from worshipping.
- c) He doesn't want the people to be cheated.
- d) He loves to clean things up.

What does this story tell you about Jesus?

- a) He is passionate about worship.
- b) He is serious about stealing.
- c) He is not afraid to confront wrongdoing.
- d) He loves prayer.

What are the things that can keep you from worship?

- a) A wrong attitude.
- b) A troubled relationship.
- c) A wrong focus.
- d) Not realizing what is important in life.

Jesus cares about worship. How can you come into worship in a way that will please God?

- a) Participate and don't keep others from worshipping.
- b) Have a prayerful attitude.
- c) Remember what's important.
- d) _____.

The Rest of the Story

Jesus loved to be in the temple. The temple was a place of prayer, teaching, and the presence of God. What is the meaning of "the temple" in 1 Corinthians 6:19?

If your heart is His temple, what does Jesus need to clear away in order to make it a place of prayer and worship?

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WHAT DOES IT SAY?

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, one of the first things He did was to go to the temple. What did He find there that made Him quite angry?

What did He do there?

- a) Yelled at everyone.
- b) Charged them a worship tax.
- c) Threw out the buyers and sellers.

What did Jesus want to change about the temple?

- a) He wanted people to pray.
- b) He wanted it to be clean.
- c) He wanted to lower prices.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

How were these men robbing those who came to worship?

- a) They were stealing purses.
- b) They were charging too much.

How were they robbing God?

- a) They were keeping people from worship.
- b) They were taking money others would have given to God.

What was wrong with what they were doing?

- a) They were being greedy.
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