

Netherhall St James Collective Worship
Wednesday 11th of September 2024

This term we are exploring the value of Respect. In today's collective worship we will be looking at how Christian's respect God's house.

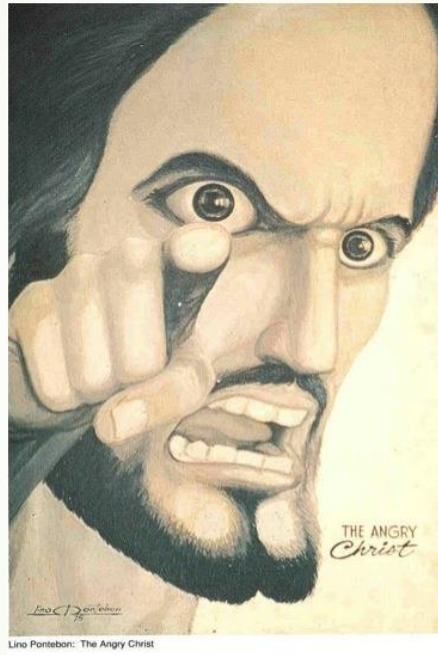
Before we begin let us gather together and light our special candle.

Leader: "Let us live our vision of."

Response: "Learning together in
god's Love."



Today we are going to hear about a time when Jesus became very angry. Look at this picture, how has the artist shown that Jesus was angry?



Let's listen to this story from the Bible to see what made Jesus so angry.

Before we start, think about when you might have visited a church or a mosque. What is it like inside? How does it make you feel?



Some buildings are designed to help people feel close to God. How do buildings do that?



This is what a temple would have looked like in Jesus time. *What do you notice about it?*

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- 1: **The Temple was a very grand and beautiful place.**
- 2: There were towering stone pillars, floors of marble and walls decorated with gold.
- 1: **The Temple was a very holy and special place.**
- 2: People went there to worship God and marvel at the magnificence of the architecture.
- 1: **The Temple was a very busy and bustling place.**
- 2: Worshippers gathered there from the north and south, from the east and west to celebrate the festivals of the Jewish year.
- 1: **The Temple was a very noisy and raucous place.**
- 2: When Jesus entered into the courtyard of the Temple he was met with the sound of shouting and arguing as stallholders tried to sell their pigeons and lambs and as moneychangers tried to get people to change their money into the temple money. There were cries of "Buy your pigeons here" and "Get the best rate for your money here!"

Jesus knew that God's holy Temple should not be like this.

What made Jesus especially angry was that all this was going on in the only place that people, who were not Jews, were allowed to pray. These people were called Gentiles. How could the Gentiles pray and worship God with all this noise and shouting and cheating? Suddenly Jesus began to tip over the tables of the moneychangers and the sellers!

Then the Temple became a place of pandemonium and confusion!

Tables and benches crashed to the floor. Startled pigeons flew up to the roof. People shouted and screamed. Lambs darted among the pillars, chickens squawked. But suddenly

The Temple became silent and still.

Everything stopped as Jesus shouted, "Where is your **respect** for God's holy place? This is God's house, a place of worship for everybody and you have made it a den of thieves!"



Why did Jesus feel angry?

**Time To
Reflect!**



- ▶ We don't often read about Jesus being angry but when he visited the temple he was furious that the place where people were trying to worship had turned into a market.
- ▶ *Do you think he was right to be angry?*