

The clearing of the temple

“I cannot myself feel that either in the matter of wisdom or in the matter of virtue Christ stands quite as high as some other people known to history.”

Bertrand Russell, *Why I Am Not a Christian*

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Mark 11: 11

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Mark 11: 17

Once more unto the breach...

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For the generations to come, whenever a foreigner or anyone else living among you presents a food offering as an aroma pleasing to the Lord, they must do exactly as you do...You and the foreigner shall be the same before the Lord.

Numbers 15: 14-15

And foreigners who bind themselves to the
Lord

to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
... these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 56: 6-7





“No foreigner may enter within the railing and enclosure that surround the temple. Anyone apprehended shall have himself to blame for his consequent death.”

Josephus, Antiquities 15

“Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’^[c] ? But you have made it ‘**a den of robbers.**’^[d]”

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'I will take away their harvest,
declares the Lord.

There will be no grapes on the vine.
There will be no figs on the tree,
and their leaves will wither.'

Jeremiah 8: 13

And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

Mark 11: 17

