



## **Temple Cleansing Story**

Matthew 21:12-13

Corrupted Temple - Jesus & temple - Let me tell you a story about how Jesus came to the Jerusalem temple and discovered spiritual sickness and financial corruption.

Financial Reform - Jesus, money table, coins - Jesus overturned the money exchange tables. He was angry that God's people were charging visitors money to worship.

Spiritual Reform - caged dove, table, chair - The caged dove illustrates spiritual corruption, suppressing the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wanted everyone to worship freely.

Prayer House - woman, temple, flame - Jesus wanted to lead God's people back to the heart of worship: to praise God and to pray. Israel had lost her knowledge of God.

## **Storyteller Discipleship**

The following activities will help you remember the story, apply wisdom to your own life, and tell the story to others.

- Pray. Listen to the story. Draw the story.
- Tell the story with the drawings.
- Draw your own pictures to illustrate the story.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal wisdom in the story.
- Pray. What is the Holy Spirit asking you to do next?
- Go and tell the story to someone. Discuss the story.
- Disciple others to become Spirit-filled storytellers.