

2B.5 GOSPEL RESOURCE SHEET 5: JESUS GETS ANGRY IN THE TEMPLE COURTS

Christians interpret the story of Jesus overturning the moneylenders' tables in different ways. They are happy for stories to have multiple meanings, so use the cards below to decide what you think are the most likely three meanings, and three that are less likely. Explain why, making links with the other Gospel passages you have studied.

Prayer matters more than sacrifice.

God hates it when worship is about keeping a load of rules, instead of being about love and justice.

God is the God of all people: charging for sacrificial animals stops pilgrims coming to God.

Jewish people have reached God by going to the Temple to worship. Now they can come to God through Jesus.

The court of the Gentiles was a place of prayer for non-Jewish people to worship God. The moneylenders ignored that so that they could make money.

Cheating people is against God's Law and should be challenged.

Jesus was an angry man.

Worshipping God matters more than making money.

Jesus' disciples had their own moneylending business and didn't want the competition.