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THE SEARCH FOR THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF GOD'S CHARACTER

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1. There is someone in this amphitheater who has made me angry within the last month.
2. It makes God angry when someone intentionally sins.
3. The way humans treat God frequently irritates Him.
4. God only becomes angry when there is a violation of His character.
5. When God gets angry, people die.

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WHAT MAKES GOD MAD?

∞ When you were growing up, what things did you try to avoid, because you were told it would make God really mad?

WHEN JESUS DISPLAYED RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

• READ Mark 11:15-18.

15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. 17 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.'"

18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

- » What have you been told regarding Jesus' outburst here?
- » What was Jesus trying to stop?
- » Why do you think Jesus is so passionate about this?

WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON IN THE TEMPLE SQUARE?

- **Location:** The Court of the Gentiles
- **The Time:** The days leading up to the Passover, perhaps during the Festival of Sukkoth (commemorating God's provision in the Wilderness).

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WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON IN THE TEMPLE SQUARE? (continued)

- **The Triangle:** The priests, the money changers, and the dove/animal vendors.
- **Jesus' Actions:** Driving out buyers & sellers/overturning exchange tables/kicking over dove tables.
- **The Words:** "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.'" (Mk 11:17 NIV).
 - » This is a quote of Jeremiah 7:11

READ Matthew 21:14,15.

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

- How do the people respond? How do the priests respond?
 - » Knowing the context of this story, what would you say is the reason(s) Jesus became angry?
 - » How is this consistent with the character of God?
 - » Why did the priests get angry? How do we struggle with this today?

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prayer

1. What are the things that are causing me anger?
2. What thought struck me the most during the class interaction?
3. How does this understanding of the temple scene change my perspective of this story?