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The Third Sunday in Lent 3 March, 2024

John 2: 14,16

In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

Father, help us to remember that we are your temple and that your Spirit lives in us. Help us to keep our lives clean and full of good thoughts and actions. Amen.



MORE DESERT QUESTIONS

OBEDIENCE QUIZ

- ① You see someone struggling to get a baby stroller down a flight of steps you're walking up. Do you give them a hand?
- ② You know that as a Christian you should be reading the Bible regularly. Are you making an effort to do it?
- ③ 'Forgive our trespasses as we forgive.' Any outstanding forgiving to be done?
- ④ Is it ever OK to lie?

TO MEASURE BY...

LOVE GOD: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- ⑤ Are you spending some time each day praying?

CHURCH LEADERS CALL FOR END TO LATEST CONFLICT

PLANET EARTH POISONED BY ITS OWN POLLUTION



CHILDREN BRUTALLY BEATEN BY CARERS

HOMELESS IN CRISIS DURING COLD SNAP

WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY IN THE KINGDOM'S CAUSES?

IT MAKES ME ANGRY THAT...

JESUS CHRIST IS RAGING, RAGING IN THE STREETS WHERE INJUSTICE SPIRALS AND ALL HOPE RETREATS. LISTEN, LORD JESUS, I AM ANGRY TOO; IN THE KINGDOM'S CAUSES LET ME RAGE WITH YOU.

(Taken from the song *Jesus Christ is waiting* by John L. Bell and Graham Maule, © 1988 WGRG, Iona Community)

GETTING ANGRY

WE DON'T OFTEN SEE JESUS AS ANGRY AS THIS, DO WE?

No - you can really feel him seething as he upsets all those tables, can't you?

ISN'T IT WRONG TO BE ANGRY LIKE THAT?

Losing your temper and lashing out is wrong, but we're meant to get angry at things which are very wrong - then we're inspired to put them right.

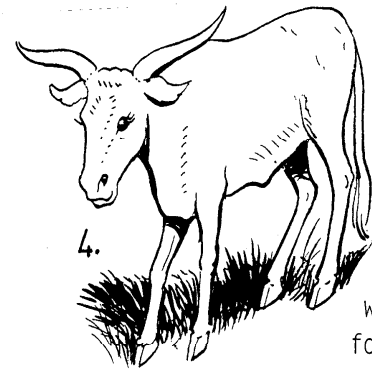
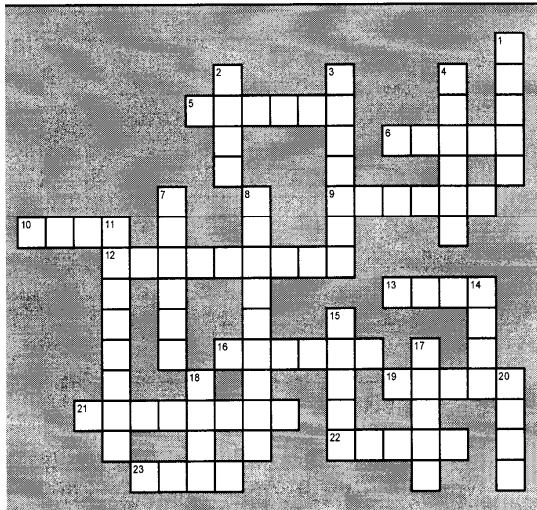
MARKETS AREN'T WRONG THOUGH, ARE THEY?

Oh no! What Jesus was angry about was turning God's house into a market, when it was meant to be a house of prayer.

Crossword: John 2:13-22 (NIV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

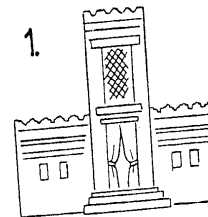
- 11 down) When it was almost time for the Jewish _____,
8 down) Jesus went up to _____.
5 across) In the _____ courts he found men selling
22 across) cattle, _____,
17 down) and _____, and
1 down) others sitting at tables exchanging _____.
10 across) So he made a _____ out of cords,
7 down) and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and _____;
19 across) he scattered the _____ of the money changers
16 across) and overturned their _____.
20 across) To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here!
4 down) How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"
2 down) His disciples remembered that it is written: " _____ for your house will consume me."
14 down) Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous _____ can you show us
12 across) to prove your _____ to do all this?"
3 down) Jesus answered them, " _____ this temple,
6 across) and I will raise it again in _____ days."
15 down) The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six _____
13 across) to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three _____?"
23 across) But the temple he had spoken of was his _____.
9 across) After he was _____
18 down) from the _____, his disciples recalled what he had said.
21 across) Then they _____ the Scripture



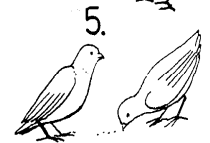
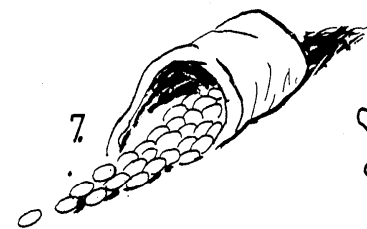
Can you read this story?



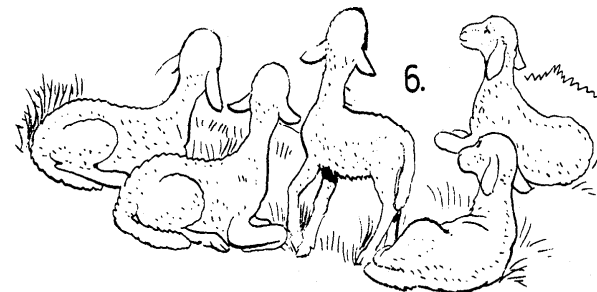
One day, Jesus went to 1 where he found 2 sitting at their 3. Other people were selling 4, 5 and 6. So Jesus made a whip from cords and drove them all out. He overturned the 3 of the 2 and scattered their 7.



Jesus said, "Stop making my Father's house a market-place!"



Write your answers here.



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE AGAIN

(LUKE 19:45-48)



Word Search: John 2:13-22 (NIV)

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| PASSOVER | JERUSALEM | TEMPLE | SHEEP |
| DOVES | MONEY | WHIP | CATTLE |
| COINS | TABLES | SOLD | MARKET |
| ZEAL | SIGN | AUTHORITY | DESTROY |
| THREE | YEARS | DAYS | BODY |
| RAISED | DEAD | BELIEVED | |