

A House of Prayer
Matthew 21:12-17



AT OUR BEST
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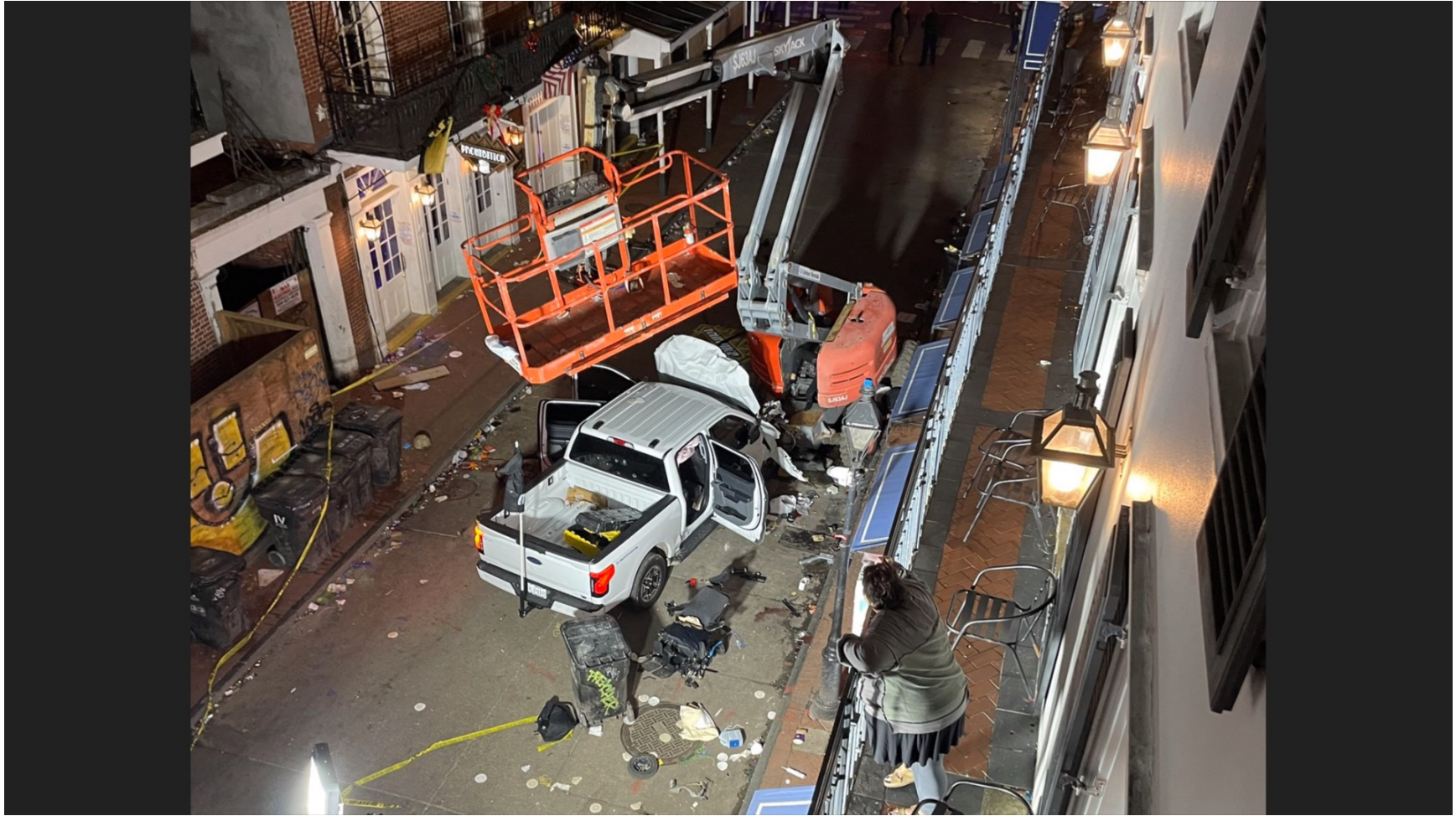
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“For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

“that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

“that no one transgress and **wrong** his
brother in this matter,”

wrong = to defraud, as in exploitive or
manipulative action at the expense
of a brother or sister

“because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

“For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.”

1 Thessalonians 4:2-8

Restoring

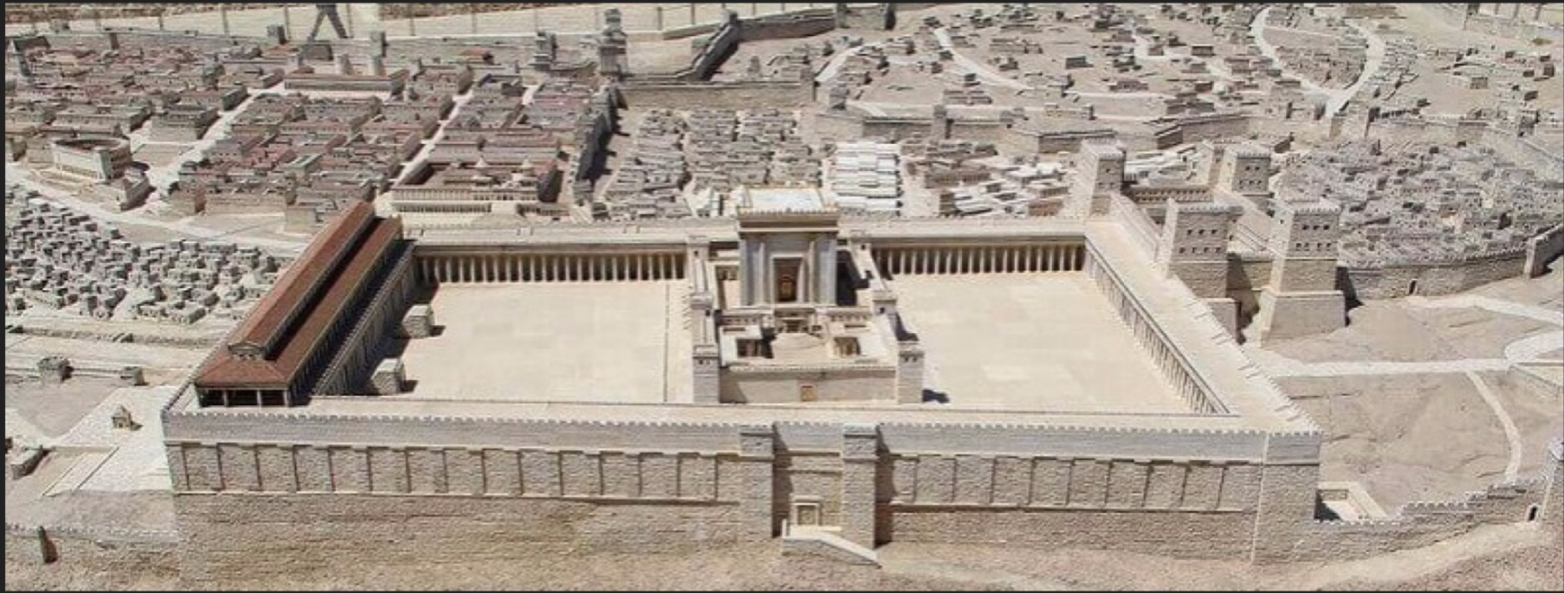
temple (12-13)

“And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple,

“and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

“He said to them, ‘It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer,” but you make it a den of robbers.’” (12-13)

A stoa = a Greek covered walkway with pillars



Herod's Temple



“in this house” (31, 33)

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“toward this house/place” (35, 38, 42, 44, 48)





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“And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.”

Restoring

Responding

“But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ they were indignant,

“and they said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise”?’

“And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.” (15-17)

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Children see Jesus and cry out **praise!**

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“Hosanna to the Son of David” (15)

Jesus **left them**, heading back to Bethany.

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY - Bethany to Bethphage then on donkey colt to Jerusalem



Jesus wept over Jerusalem ... then went into the city and cleansed the Temple

What does this teach us?

1. Jesus is disturbing his culture.

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“looked around at everything” (Mark 11:11)

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.”

Romans 12:9

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

James 1:27

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“Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.’

“So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

2 Kings 6:17

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3. Jesus receives praise from the unlikely ones.
4. Jesus is restoring the **temple** as a **house of prayer**.

The temple is where **heaven and earth** meet.

Jesus describes himself as “**greater than** the temple” (12:6).

When we repent and believe in Jesus, we become **mini-temples** filled with the Spirit of God.

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple
and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”

1 Corinthians 3:16

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?”

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

“you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:4-5

In what ways is the “temple” cleansed and restored to a “house of prayer” today?

* When people of prayer gather to pray

Are you a **person** of **prayer**?

We pray as we work.

We pray as we work.

We go to school in prayer.

We pray as we work.

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We practice medicine in prayer.

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We go to school in prayer.

We practice medicine in prayer.

We parent our kids in prayer.

Are we gathering on Sunday **in prayer**?

Preparing in prayer on Saturday evening

Preparing in prayer on Saturday evening
Praying throughout the service

Preparing in prayer on Saturday evening

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Expecting divine appointments

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Ready to pray for one another