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Mark is reported to be the shortest gospel, but according to this account of scripture, Mark 11:15-17 has the most details for the account of Jesus cleansing the Temple. The objects of Jesus' protest were the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons, turning the House of prayer into a den of robbers. They are not described differently in the various accounts, because they are all described as those who sold in the Temple. Generally, Jesus reacts the same way when it pertains to Him driving out those who were selling in the Temple. However in the Mark account, it gives more details and states that Jesus would not allow anyone to carry anything through the Temple. Another slight difference among the different accounts is the statement Jesus states in the accounts of Matthew 21:12 and Luke 19:45-47 which is contrasted to the one made in Mark 11:15-17. In the accounts of Matthew and Luke Jesus states, 'My House shall be called a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." Contrasted to the account of Mark, stating 'My House shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

If I were a newspaper reporter, according to the account of Luke, I would say, "Today an event happened in the Temple which moved many. Jesus, the one who many call Rabbi, drove away those who would be sold in the Temple. He overturned the tables of those who were selling in the Temple, with a profound statement saying, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer';

but you make it a den of robbers.” This was the remarkable thing Jesus had done in the Temple today.

Jesus quotes two scriptures from the Old Testament which are Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11. Jesus quotes these two scriptures to emphasize the fulfillment of the scriptures coming to play in that scenario. It explains the act of the sellers making the Temple of God, a place dedicated to God. a place of merchants.

Response to Ayleen J Villacres

Thank you for your response Ayleen. I agree that Jesus was expressing His emotions concerning the selling in the Temple when He quoted those two scriptures. I agree that in Him demonstrating this, it brought about the seriousness Jesus had concerning the event. Great point you mentioned of this act being the open door for others to honor and respect God’s Temple.

Response to Jenel A Madeira

I agree with your point of Mark having the most details in the account concerning the cleansing of the Temple. Thank you for mentioning the two scriptures, Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11 as the two scriptures Jesus. I believe that was a profound moment Jesus had where those who witnessed what took place in the Temple were able to see the scriptures unfold before them.