

Sketch: Jesus Clears the Temple

Scene – A trader is standing behind a table, selling her wares; doves, money etc. Speaking in ‘trader-speak’. E.g.: *“Come buy yer lovely doves ‘er, for yer temple sacrifice. Honest Dawn’s dependable doves – guaranteed to get God’s attention, every time!”*

In front of the table is a sign that says, “House of Prayer.” Someone comes on and buys a dove or two etc.

Jesus comes on, looking at the stuff that’s being sold. Can be heard muttering, *“It’s not right, it’s not right. This! It’s all wrong! They’re a bunch of thieves and con-artists!”*

All the while, the trader, who is oblivious to Jesus’ distress and anger, is trying to sell Jesus a dove...

Suddenly, Jesus clears the table, shouting, *“God’s word says that ‘My house will be a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers!”*

Jesus glares at the trader, grabs the sign and turns it round, on which is written, ‘Den of Robbers’. He glares at the trader again, and then stomps off.

Trader looks at the audience, holding up her hands, saying, *“What did I do, what did I do?”*

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