

What Made Jesus Angry – July 27, 2022

You can tell a lot about a person when you know what makes them angry. Most of the things we get upset about don't matter to Jesus.

As Christians (Christ-followers), what upset Jesus ought to disturb us.

If it mattered to him, it should matter to us.

If it didn't seem to matter much to Jesus, it shouldn't matter to us.

What Made Jesus Angry:

1 – Lack of Love/Compassion. Mark 3

- Man w/ shriveled hand. Jesus asked: “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?”
 - Silence. Nobody said a word. Nothing. Remained silent.”
- **Mark 3:5** – “He looked around at them in **anger** and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts,” healed the man. Pharisees began plot to kill Jesus.
- **Jesus was angry @** lack of love/compassion for a hurting human.
 - How can we worship God, not want best for others?
 - How can we be silent when we see needs, hurting people?
 - Love is action. Love responds.

2 – Preventing people from coming to Jesus. Mark 10

- **Mark 10:13** – “Some people brought their children to Jesus so he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him. **14** When Jesus saw this, he became **angry** and said, “Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. “
- **Mark 10:16** – “Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them by placing his hands on them.”
- **Jesus was angry @ b/c precious children were unable to come to Him.**
 - Disciples are trying to safeguard Jesus's time ... He's busy preaching the Gospel, healing people, saving the world, and all that stuff
 - Do we also stop God's precious children from reaching Him?
 - We do by our hospitality... our favoritism... actions speak!
 - Christians known more for what we're against than for?
 - **Jesus welcomes.** He includes. No outsider. No Back row.
 - Jesus didn't treat others like 2nd-class citizens in the kingdom of God.
- **He was also angry** that His followers would think it **bothers** Jesus to come to Him and **ask for His blessing.** Unacceptable!
 - If total strangers can ask for blessing/healing... we can, too.

- 3** - The infamous **Temple Tantrum**. Happened 2x: 1st at beginning of his ministry (John 2); & on Palm Sunday (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 21).
- Bible doesn't say Jesus was mad, but it's pretty obvious.
 - **John's story** – Jerusalem, in temple courts, selling s,c, doves. Jesus made a whip, drove out sheep & cattle; scattered coins, overturned tables. *“Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!”*
 - **Matt's ver.** - Jesus enters the temple, overturns money changers tables, benches of those selling doves. *“My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.”*
 - Merchants making \$ off the pilgrims; is that why He's angry?
 - **We see why Jesus is angry when he quotes Scripture.** Jesus quotes 2 Old Testament passages: *Isaiah 56:7 & Jeremiah 7:11.*
 - **Isaiah 56:7** – “I will bring them to My holy mountain and give them joy in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations. The Sovereign Lord, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides my people Israel.”
 - **This is saying** – all are welcome. Let all come to Me.
 - **56:3** – “Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will never let me be part of his people.’”
 - Also – Jerusalem Temple had **4 courts**: Court of the Gentles; Court of Women; Court of Men; Court of Priests. Market was in outermost Court/Gentiles, only place non-Jews (unclean/impure) could be. If this is a market, they can't worship... draw close to God.
 - **What set Jesus off? Making God inaccessible** to people. . . AND:
 - **Hosea 6:6** – “For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
 - **He'd rather have our hearts than empty offerings.**
 - **Jeremiah 7:11** – “Has this house which bears My Name become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching, declares the LORD.”
 - In context, it's a warning to those who come to worship the Lord: **Jer. 7:9-11** – “Will you steal & murder, commit adultery & perjury, burn incense to Baal & follow other gods you have not known, 10 and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe” —safe to do all these detestable things? **11**

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- Jeremiah was warning about living one way, then coming into the Temple for worship, expecting God’s protection.
- God wants His followers to live differently. Treat people right.
- **7:5-7** - “5 If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, 6 if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, 7 then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever.”
 - **What got Jesus angry?** Living 1 way on Sabbath...hypocrisy. Den of Robbers should be a Hospital for the Hurting. Where all are welcome. Compassion is shown. Love is Learned.

Summary: Jesus was angry with the religious establishment (Sadducees), the primary teachers of the law (Pharisees), and his own disciples. Warning: they were all religious people...like you and me.

Jesus was never angry with sinners for being sinners.

Jesus didn’t spout off about the Gov’t (Rome/the Emperor). He simply reminded his followers that his kingdom is not of this world.

Jesus didn’t get upset when people came to Him for healing.

We don’t see Jesus getting upset about what people wore in the synagogue... the volume of the music... where they sat... what they sang...

Let’s own it: The stuff that ticks a lot of us off didn’t matter at all to Jesus.

We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Stay positive. Test negative. Vaccinated.

Song of the week: **“Less Like Me”**- Zach Williams