



JESUS – KING, CROSS, CROWN
THE KING CONFRONTS | MATTHEW 21:12-17
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In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." - John 2:14-16

Jesus confronts our sin with Scripture

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." - Matthew 21:13

Isaiah 56:7 – "My house shall be called a house of prayer
Jeremiah 7:11 – "You have made it a den of robbers."

God's Word exposes:

- our motives
- our actions
- our words
- our greed

The church is not a place for personal gain.
The church is not a place to gain influence.
The church is not a place to judge.

The church is a place to surrender.



What makes a church a house of prayer?

- Prayer before programming
- The prevailing attitude: "Let's pray now," not "I will pray for you later."
- Spontaneous prayer gatherings in the hallways and classrooms
- Prayer is not a transition, it is essential

A praying church would rather pause with God than proceed without Him.

Jesus confronts our sin to make room for grace

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The church is a place for grace to abound in the hearts of sinful people.

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What makes a child-like faith special?

- Innocence
- Intellect
- Influence

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