

Seek Christ's Sanctuary

For people in Jesus' day, the temple was a consecrated, holy place.
When he arrived and found moneychangers, animals,
and buying and selling going on, he reacted.
Making a whip of cords, he drove the animals out.
In the confusion, tables fell, cages broke open,
and there was general chaos.

Are these the actions of a peacemaker?
Absolutely!

He saw an injustice and did something to stop it.
He took immediate action.
He moved with determination and intention.

For Jesus, this was God's house—
a sanctuary where all should be able to come and worship freely.

Soon there would be destruction of the temple that was the body of Jesus.
But after three days he would be raised again,
becoming the living sanctuary of peace
that brings us into a closer relationship with God.

Jesus challenged traditions that had become rules and practices,
preventing people from experiencing life as God intended.

Where do you see traditions and situations that need to be challenged
for a more peaceful existence? What immediate action can you take?

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to find and share ways to respond.

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Pathways to Peace

Week 3: The Next Challenge on the Journey

A sanctuary
is sometimes described
as a place of safety and protection.
But it is not a place to hide.
It is a place to live.



In an animal sanctuary,
there is space, shelter, food, and protection.
Needs are met and life can flourish.



Jesus is like a living sanctuary for peace.
Learning his lessons and living as he taught
can make the world around us
a better place to live.

If YOU were a sanctuary what would you do:

for someone who was hungry? _____

for someone who was lonely? _____

for someone who was afraid? _____

for someone who was left out? _____