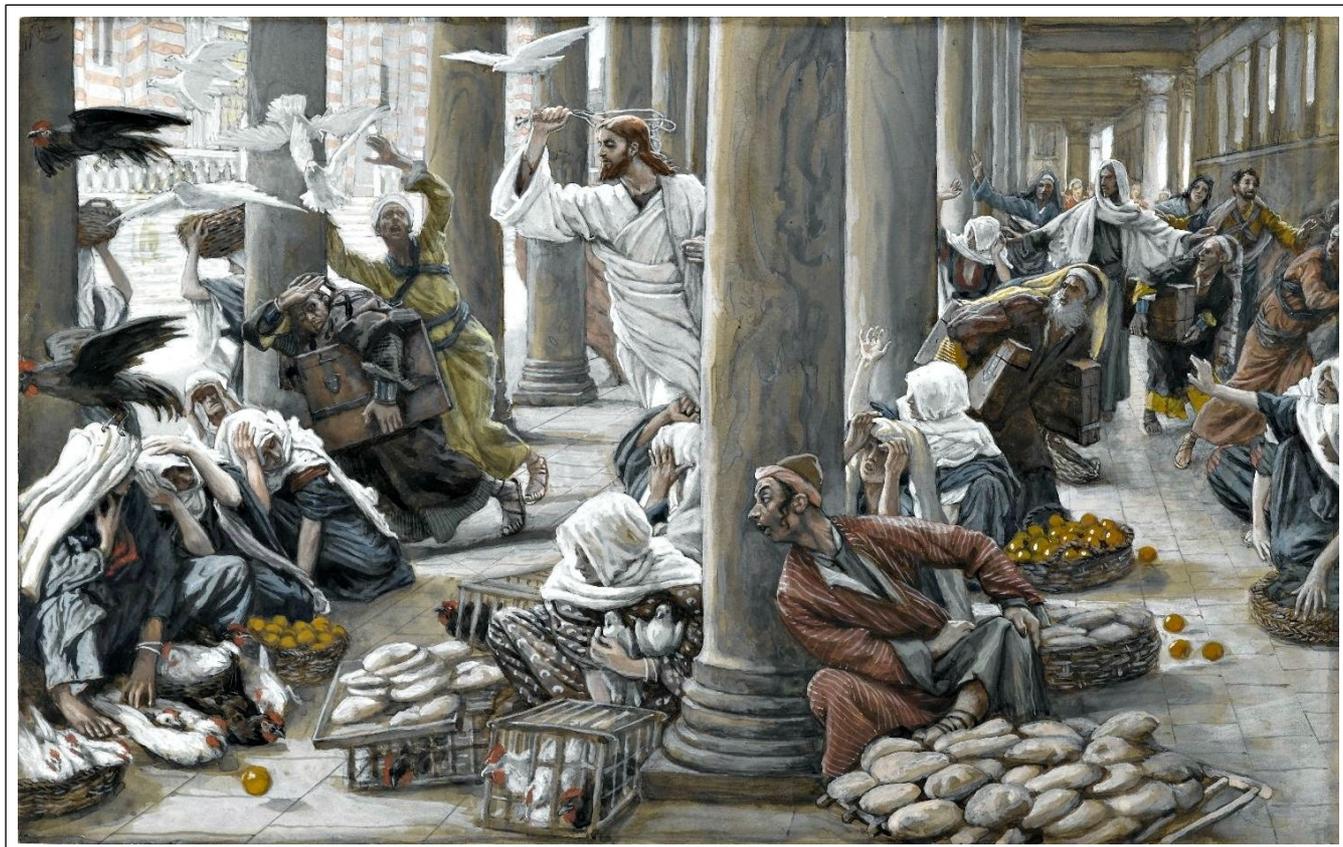


## Holy Week, Monday: Visio Divina

### Chasing the Merchants or Cleansing the Temple?

This week, we are invited to walk with Jesus as he journeys closer to the cross. We see the interactions, hear the conversations and feel the intensity of the Kingdom of Heaven, come into focus. Having been welcomed into Jerusalem with great celebration (Palm Sunday), we now see Jesus, over-turn tables belonging to market sellers and driving out those who had come to the temple to trade.

You may want to read this story in Mark 11. 15-17.



**1) Prepare:** Close your eyes, breathe, clear your mind, and ask God to enter this time of prayer with you. Ask God to speak to you through this image.

**2) Lectio (read):** Open your eyes and scan the image. Write down what draws your interest or any questions that arise as you continue to scan the whole image. Close and rest your eyes a minute.

**3) Meditatio (meditate):** Focus on just the part of the image that caught your eyes and name it. Close your eyes, seeing that piece of the image in your mind. How does it make you feel?

**4) Oratio (pray):** Open your eyes and look again at the piece of the image that caught your eye. Allow it to bring forth a word, image, or emotion. Write these down. Close and rest your eyes.

**5) Contemplatio (contemplation):** Open your eyes and gaze at the whole image. What is God speaking to you about today, through this image? How will you respond to Him? Spend time processing that with God. Pray or journal your thoughts and intentions.

*Father God, help me to be attentive to your Spirit. May your Spirit drive my choices today, reveal injustice and bring hope and restoration, where there is destruction and brokenness.*