



# BARRIER BREAKER

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Last week: The conflict that followed Jesus through his whole ministry starts with John the Baptist and the Temple leadership

Jesus clarifies: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” Matthew 5:17

The Jewish prophets criticized abuses of the Temple: See Isaiah 1:11,12; Amos 5:21

“Don’t trust the lies of people who say, ‘This is the Temple of the LORD. This is the Temple of the LORD. This is the Temple of the LORD!’ You must change your lives and do what is right... Don’t you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a **den of thieves**? ...I will destroy **this Temple that bears my name, this Temple that you trust in for help...**”  
Jeremiah 7:4,5,11,14

The biggest enemy of faith can be \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus do when He encountered good religion gone bad? (John 2:13-17)

# THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT THIS EPISODE

## 1. WHAT WAS JESUS SO UPSET ABOUT?

The temple leaders

- Built \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- Were \_\_\_\_\_

He said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a **house of prayer for all nations**'? But you have made it a **den of robbers**." Mark 11:17

## 2. AM I PART OF THE PROBLEM?

- Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the simple message?
- Am I \_\_\_\_\_ from the simple message?

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, you may somehow be **distracted from your simple and pure devotion to Christ**. 2 Corinthians 11:3

## 3. WHAT CAN I LEARN ABOUT JESUS?

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel..." Jeremiah 31:31

Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_