

B16 Third Sunday in Lent
B50a Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Skit Jesus and Moneychangers in the Temple

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[Nicene Creed](#) (Check the words in your Missalette, some of the words may be different.)

ANIMALS AND MONEYCHANGERS IN THE TEMPLE: JESUS SHOWS HIS WRATH

CHARACTERS:

NARRATOR

JESUS

MAN WITH OXEN

WOMAN WITH SHEEP

MONEYCHANGER 1

MONEYCHANGER 2

MAN WITH DOVES

DISCIPLE JAMES

DISCIPLE JOHN

JEW #1

JEW#2

Younger Child

Older Child

NARRATOR: Jesus arrives at the temple, the house built to honor God, his almighty Father. Instead of people praying and discussing the scriptures, he saw animals and people with stacks of coins in the temple.

Buyer #1: That's a fine ox. How much does it cost?

Man with Ox: It'll be 50 silver coins or 1 gold coin.

Woman with Sheep: Would you like to buy this sheep? It's only 5 silver shekels.

Buyer #2: Yes, I would but I need to get some change. I'll be right back.

Buyer #2: I want to exchange these copper and bronze coins for silver shekels.

Jesus: (Taking 2 ropes and weaving them together to make a whip. He uses the whip to chase the Oxen and the Sheep out of the temple. He knocks over the moneychangers table. They madly pick up all the coins and get out of there quickly.)

(To man with Dove he says) Take these out of here.

Man with Dove: Yes, Sir. Right away, sir.

(Speaking to everyone in the temple) Stop making a Market place out of my Father's House.

John whispers to James: Just like it says in the sacred scripture psalms, "Zeal for my Father's house consumes me."

James: Yes, Jesus really showed his anger. He strongly believes that his Father's house is a place of worship, not business.

Jew#1 Jesus, we need a sign that you have the right to do this. What sign can you show us for doing this?

Jesus: This will be your sign. If you destroy this temple, in three days I will raise it up.

Jew#2: HA! It has taken 46 years to build this temple.

You can't raise this temple up in 3 days. It can't be done.

Jew#1: It's impossible. Only God could do something like that.

Narrator: They were right. Only God could do something like that. And he did. After Jesus was crucified on the cross, God the Father raised him up on the third day. He quickly went to see James and John and his other apostles in the upper room.

James: Is that you, Jesus?

Jesus: Yes, it is truly me. Touch my hands where the nails pierced them. Touch my side where the sword struck me.

John: It's been three days. You have been raised up. When you threw the moneychangers and animals out of the temple, you said if they destroyed this temple, you would raise it up in three days.

James: You meant if they killed you, in three days you would rise up, didn't you, Lord.

Jesus: Yes. I did this for the forgiveness of sins so that man could spend everlasting life with my heavenly Father in heaven.

Narrator: Then Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

Jesus: Take this and eat it for this is my body.

Narrator: Then Jesus took wine, blessed it and said,

Jesus: Take this cup of the new covenant which shall be shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins.

Narrator: In Churches throughout the world, in different languages, priests repeat these words: "On the third day he arose again from the dead." This was a sign from Jesus that

he could do the impossible. Let's go to St. John Neumann Catholic Church where two children have found those words in the Nicene Creed.

Older Child: Look at this poster. It has the words from today's Gospel on it. "On the third day he arose again from the dead."

Younger Child: I've heard those words during Mass right before they take up the gifts.

Older Child : That's in the Nicene Creed...it tells what we believe. The next time you hear those words, "On the third day he arose again from the dead," remember that God does the impossible.

Younger Child: My teacher said, "There was no hope for me. That I was impossible.

Older Child: With God. All things are possible. Let's ask God to help you.

Younger Child: What words should I use?

Child #2: Say the "Our Father. It is the perfect prayer.

Ask everyone to pray with you and for you.

(Child #1 and child #2 say the "Our Father." "Please pray with me and for me."

(Everyone joins in saying the Our Father.)

Narrator:

And so Children everywhere...young and old learn that God loves them so much that he will help them do the impossible. He sends people to help us when we most need it. He believes in us when we have given up. God, all of us who are present here thank you for loving us and helping us do the impossible.

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