

Episode 2: House of Cards

Episode 2 is so very powerful with the anger of Jesus for his father's house. We see a different side of Jesus that we haven't really seen before. Jesus let's his anger be known over what the people have done to the temple and how they have ruined its original intention. Let's jump in and dissect this episode.

Last Supper Clip

- Jesus tells the disciples that the world will be against you, prepare for hostility and persecution. Peter says that he will not fall away from Jesus. See the scripture reference below.
- Mark 14:26-31 (ESV) ²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Gailee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said empathically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 26:30-35, Luke 22:31-34 and John 13:36-38. Look up the verses and note the similarities below.

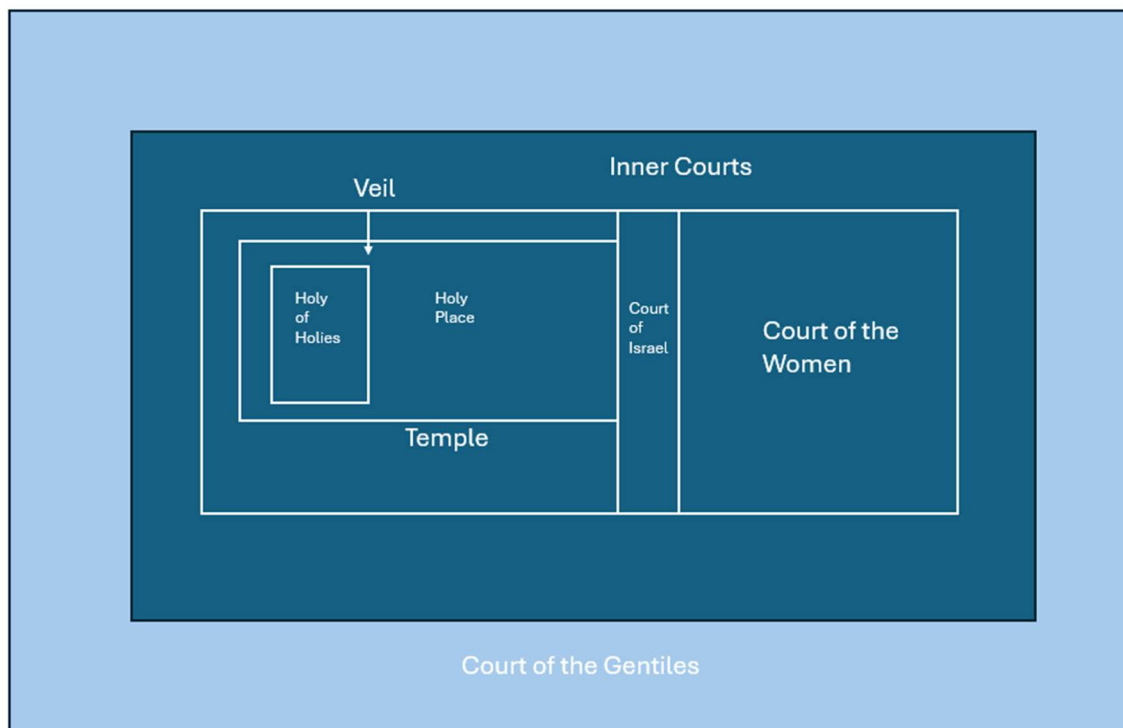
- Now note the differences that you see between the verses.

- As quoted in the verses above by Mark, Zechariah 13:7 (ESV) "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the Lord of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones."
- Towards the end of this scene, Jesus says John 15:13 (ESV) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. If that isn't foreshadowing, I don't know what is. Do you have friends that you feel this way about? Friendship is something that is so important in a Christian's life. Having good, godly friends that will encourage you spiritually is life changing. If

you feel like you have someone like this in your life, tell them, thank them and praise God for them. List their names below and what you will do to thank them. If you don't, what can you do to create this type of friendship?

The episode moves to a flashback of Ramah and Thomas when they were headed to the wedding where they met Jesus. It's clear that Kafni really believed in and liked Thomas before Ramah's death. We unfortunately, see a side of Kafni in Jerusalem that is bitter and filled with hatred towards Jesus. Bitterness and resentment eat away at you and separate you from Jesus. Kafni just can't seem to forgive Thomas, nor Jesus. Do you have anyone you need to forgive or you need to ask to forgive you?

We then run into Leander from the Decapolis with a few others who came to Jerusalem for their first Passover. It is through the disciples showing them around that we learn more about the Jewish temple and the how the area outside the temple has become a marketplace. Below is a picture of the Jerusalem temple, outside of the temple in the Court of the Gentiles is where Jesus clears out the temple.



See the scripture below for more biblical details on Jesus clearing out the temple:

- Matthew 21:12-13 (ESV) ¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”
- This is also mentioned in Luke 19:45-46 and Mark 11:15-17

What was your reaction to Jesus clearing out the temple? Do you feel so strongly about God that you would act so boldly on his behalf? Is there anything currently going on in the world or your community that is against God in which you need to act and be bold?