



January 18, 2026, Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-25

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Almighty God, even Jesus became angry at the sight of injustice being done in your name. Rouse us from our complacency and spur us to action on behalf of the marginalized and oppressed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow him. In his name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Cattle, sheep, doves—all for sale. Just another day at the temple. But today, money changers had better be on their guard. Jesus is in town and he's not pleased with what has become of his Father's house.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What questionable behaviors or customs does your faith community practice that are so embedded they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change, if change is needed?
- What do you think happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?
- For the littles: Do you like to spend money or save it?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shake up your status quo. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down. Lighten your load. Simplify.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *God's Blessing in the Home I*, Psalm 127:1-2

Tuesday: *God's Blessing in the Home II*, Psalm 127:3-5

Wednesday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful I*, Psalm 128:1-2

Thursday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful II*, Psalm 128:3-4

Friday: *The Happy Home of the Faithful III*, Psalm 128: 5-6

Saturday: *Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies*, Psalm 129:1-8