

Monday

Read [Mark 11: 15-18](#)

Consider what colours you imagine as you read the story, and which colour is most prominent? How does that colour make you feel? On your Holy Week chart colour the first square with the prominent colour and note your feeling.

Reflection

Was it anger and frustration that drove Jesus' actions or was it a means of provoking the authorities into action? If Jesus 'knew' his fate he needed to be sure that it happened. I believe Jesus was aware of the situation but believed in his message to the extent that he disregarded his own safety to ensure people heard the message. He was a rebel, a revolutionary even, in the eyes of the authorities both temple authorities and civil authorities. We have seen recently how authorities regard large gatherings, and Jesus attracted crowds. Maybe this story is a bit of both.

Prayer

Eternal God when we are tempted to back off, and play it safe, may we remember the passion of Jesus in sharing his message. Strengthen us to speak out against injustice and challenge unfair systems. Amen.