

John 2:12 (NLT) After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

Matthew 13:54–57 (NLT)⁵⁴ He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, “Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?”⁵⁵ Then they scoffed, “He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas.⁵⁶ All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?”⁵⁷ And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.”

1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT) For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

Jude 1 (NLT) This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ.

John 2:13–16 (NLT)¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.¹⁴ In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money.¹⁵ Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers’ coins over the floor, and turned over their tables.¹⁶ Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, “**Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!**”

Ephesians 4:26–27 (NKJV) “*Be angry, and do not sin*”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

Mark 11:17 (NIV) And as he taught them, 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.’**”

Their focus is not on God, not on prayer, not on the holiness of God and holy moments with Him.

Isaiah 56:6–8 (NLT)⁶“I will also bless the foreigners who **commit** themselves to the Lord, who **serve** him and **love** his name, who **worship** him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest, and who hold fast to my **covenant**. ⁷I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with **joy** in my house of **prayer**. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations. ⁸For the Sovereign Lord, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: **I will bring others, too,**