

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Upside Down Tables for an Upright life Mark 11:12-25

Big Idea: What is on the table of your life that God wants removed?

vs. 15 Those **buying & selling**

vs. 16 **Anyone** carrying merchandise

vs. 17 **Them** = everyone around

When the table and chairs were flipped it was to get everyone's attention not just those with products on the table.

People were being defrauded, especially those who could least afford it. Not only financially but also spiritually!

Jesus was putting an end to this charade and calling it for what it is. The sacrifices were required by God but man was abusing the requirement.

By doing this He disrupted their day-to-day activities.

He **disrupted** the religious leaders:

- Income
 - Power and influence
 - Corruption and abuse
 - Theft physically and spiritually (setting up barriers to worship and pray)
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He **disrupted** the others:

- Vulnerability
 - Dependence
 - Barrier to worship and pray
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He **gave** the religious leaders:

- A wake-up call
 - A call to change – Freedom of worship and prayer
 - The ability to accept His authority
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He **gave** the others:

- A wake-up call
 - Unhindered access to worship and prayer
 - Knowledge of His authority
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We serve a God who loves us so deeply that he wants us to trade in the bad for the good. He desires us and loves us.

Jeremiah 7:1-15

What are you putting on the table?

I spoke, I spoke again and again, I called, I finally had to take drastic action!

- How do you rob God?
- What idols have you placed on the table?
- What from your past keeps you from receiving Him fully?
- How will you respond?

In His amazing and loving way, He calls us to not put it on the table but rather on the altar!

Jeremiah 7:3-8

Reform your ways and actions, deal justly with each other, do not oppress, do not shed innocent blood and do not follow other gods. (An upright life)