

Our Lord Jesus Drives Greedy Merchants from God's Holy Temple

About 2 minutes, from Luke 19: 45-48

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Pharisee

Moneychanger

Voice (of Jesus)

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script

Moneychanger Look! That troublemaker dares to enter our grand and most holy temple.  
See how he glares at the merchants!

Pharisee He is a threat to us Pharisees, too. He tries to change our sacred ways.

Prompter & Echoes Dangerous!

Moneychanger Now he's eying the animals that they sell to sacrifice; he looks angry.  
Oh! Now he sees us moneychangers count our coins.  
Look! He's coming over.

Pharisee That merchant's really angry at something the Nazarene said!  
Listen!

Moneychanger So you're that rebel from Galilee.  
Hey! What are you doing?

Prompter & Echoes Look out!

Moneychanger Ow! Stop swinging that whip that you made out of cords!  
Stop that! Oh, he turned over my table!  
My coins are rolling all over the floor!

Voice (*Speak forcefully*)  
It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer,  
but you have made it a robbers' lair!"

Prompter & Echoes A den of thieves!

Pharisee Now look at how all the people gather around that Nazarene!  
They do not give us learned Pharisees that much attention.

Moneychanger It's shameful how the crowds follow that revolutionary around.

Pharisee The ignorant fools! His actions are alarming.  
We have to stop him! Come; Pharisees and Sadducees.  
We must join forces and destroy that man, Jesus of Nazareth.

Prompter & Echoes They plan to kill him!

Moneychanger We keep trying to find a way to slay the man, but it is difficult,  
because so many people keep hanging on every word he says.  
But just wait! We will find a way – we have to!

Prompter & Echoes And so they do!