

Chapter 19 (41 - 48)

As Jesus caught sight of Jerusalem,
he shed tears over it and said

"How I wish you had accepted my message of
peace. You will be totally destroyed,
because you rejected God's offer of grace".

Jesus then went into the Temple and drove out the
sellers. "According to the Scripture", he said,
"my house will be a house of prayer.

But you have turned it into a robbers' den".

Each day Jesus taught in the Temple.

The leaders wanted to do away with him,
but they didn't know how to, since most of the
ordinary people had great respect for Jesus.

Jesus, don't let me ever reject your friendship

Chapter 20 (45 - 47)

After some leaders had asked him some trick
questions, Jesus said to his disciples

"Beware of the religious leaders who like to walk
about in special clothes and love to be greeted
obsequiously in the market places. They like the
front seats in prayer halls and the places of honor
at banquets. They like making a show of lengthy
prayers. But at the same time they steal the
property of widows. They will receive a severe
sentence from God at the end of their lives.

Jesus, help religious leaders be good people