

Group Study Questions

1. What do you know about the Ark of the Covenant outside of Scripture? What movies or documentaries have talked about the Ark? Do you think they accurately portray its history?
2. Why would God use someone like Herod the Great, a man best known for murdering the male children at the time of Christ's birth, to rebuild the temple?
3. Can you think of instances when the Temple was mentioned in the Gospels?
4. We often think of Jesus only as a kind and loving person. What does the incident with the expulsion of the moneychangers in the Temple reveal to us?
5. Why were Gentiles excluded from participating in Temple rituals?
6. What do you think it was like to be a woman in the days of the Temple?
7. Was it important for animals to be sacrificed in the Temple? Why or why not?
8. What is the importance of rebuilding the Temple from a Jewish viewpoint? From a Christian viewpoint? What obstacles currently exist to keep this from happening?
9. How is God building a living temple in your heart and life?