

Thoughts on the Daily Word

8th Week of Year. Friday 29th May. Readings: 1 Peter 4:7-13; Psalm 96; Mark 11:11-26.

It is hard for us to imagine the amazing temple of Jerusalem. Even harder to realise what an assault on the senses it was. The nearest thing that we can just imagine is that of an abattoir! The slaughter of animals, the smells of blood and gore, must have been amazing. It is hard to see where the prayer or worship was in the midst of this. Add to it the hustle and bustle of money changing as foreign coins needed to be changed into temple currency, at a cost, of course. After all, keeping the temple going and providing income for its ministers, soldiers etc. was very important. In the midst of this Jesus challenges, like the prophets of old, just what is going on. We, of course, have to look at our own 'temples' to ask just where is God in the midst of this?