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When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.' Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words. (Luke 19: 45-48)

Jesus teaches with authority because what He says is consistent with what he does in His life. Jesus's very life is also an act of accusation against some of His powerful contemporaries, since they used power to oppress and steal from others and not to serve them as Jesus did. Thus, leaders and priests, instead of converting and accepting Jesus as the true Savior, began to seek His death. Let this be a lesson to us so that any future discovery of our unworthiness may cause us to humbly ask our Lord for forgiveness, rather than having the proud conviction that we are good with God.