

Holy Week: Tuesday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:23–26:5](#), [Mark 11:27–14:2](#), [Luke 20:1–22:2](#), [John 12:37–50](#).)

If Monday's arrival in the temple was an all-inclusive, living parable of cleansing God's house, Tuesday's entrance is a direct, verbal confrontation with the appointed leadership (Scribes, Chief Priests, Pharisees and Sadducees). After Jesus clarifies he doesn't regard these leaders as having any authority over him, he spends the rest of the day right there in the temple to teach the people God's Word. But Tuesday afternoon is the last time Jesus publicly teaches in the temple as a free man. His words on this day are his closing argument, his manifesto.

When Jesus leaves the temple on Tuesday, the chief priests and scribes are "seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him" ([Mark 14:1](#)). But they can't take his life from him solely on the strength of the charges they plan to bring—not if he defends himself. But he won't. Instead, by his silence, he'll offer up his life for a world of blasphemers and traitors and liars. This was what he has come to do, and as he exits the temple that Tuesday afternoon, he knows he will do it soon. Jesus is the true Authority. Only he is worthy to build a life on. May our eyes be open to his majesty and splendor so that we may be filled with his heart!

Song: Build My Life -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnTsC0wzPOg>

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. we live for You.

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You!
There is none beside You!
Open up my eyes in wonder,
And show me who You are,
And fill me with Your heart,
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
And I will put my trust in You alone.
And I will not be shaken.

MATTHEW 23:1-10 - RELIGIOUS FASHION SHOWS

Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them. “The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God’s Law. You won’t go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following *them*. They talk a good line, but they don’t live it. They don’t take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It’s all spit-and-polish veneer.

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“Instead of giving you God’s Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn’t think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called ‘Doctor’ and ‘Reverend.’

8-10

“Don’t let people do that to *you*, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don’t set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let *him* tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of ‘Father’; you have only one Father, and he’s in heaven. And don’t let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them—Christ.



The chief priests and scribes were angry because Jesus taught in the temple.

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Why do you think the pharisees and chief priests were angry with Jesus?

What did Jesus say about the pharisees?

Why did other people listen to Jesus?