

# Monday of the Third Week of Advent

**Gospel text (Mt 21:23-27): “By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?”**



**Today the chief priests and the elders of the Temple of Jerusalem confront Jesus. Shortly before, the Lord has driven out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, with the permission of the chiefs' priests of the Temple.**

**Jesus reacted so strongly because the Temple is the House of God; Jesus Christ does not tolerate to see his Father's House converted into a market.**

**-Jesus' authority is God's authority. Jesus demands silence and respect in the House of His Father-God.**