

The same kind of thing may often be seen in Italy, in the Duomo of Florence, for instance, where bakers, porters and workmen pursuing their various avocations cross the sacred building to avoid going round by the road and to enjoy being in the shade for a moment or two. But Jesus could not bear to look on at such an abuse; He therefore forbade everyone to cross the Temple carrying loads, so as to restore to the consecrated spot the quiet and seclusion which rightly belonged to it.



Jesus forbids the carrying of vessels through the Temple.

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At the present day it is still forbidden to cross the Haram, as the site of the Temple is now called, but the Pasha of Jerusalem has made an exception in favour of the sisters of Saint Vincent de Paul, for he is full of admiration for the charitable zeal which leads them to go from hospital to hospital throughout the town, ministering without distinction to all sufferers whether Christian or Mahomedan.



The Healing of the Lame in the Temple

Saint Matthew — Chap. 21, verse 14



LT accesserunt ad eum cæci et claudi in templo, et sanavit eos.



AND the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

The scene referred to in the Gospel must have taken place in the Court of the Women about seven o'clock in the morning, beyond the shade where the crowd is massed in my picture.