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**Desmond Tutu**



Desmond became known to the authorities as a troublemaker, and he knew his life was in danger. On one occasion a large group of black students decided to make a peaceful protest against the apartheid laws. Suddenly armed police surrounded the. The students were very frightened. Someone got a message to Desmond and he ran to the scene, forcing his way in to prevent violence breaking out. He managed to calm the situation and made sure that the students got home safely.

Jesus became known to the authorities as a troublemaker and he knew his life was in danger. On one occasion he arrived at the Temple in Jerusalem and began to throw out all the traders and money changers. Jesus was angry because the Temple should have been used as a place to pray, but the people in control had turned it into ‘a den of thieves’.

(Mark 11:15-17)



Things to do;

1. What similarities are there in the two stories above?
2. How do you think Desmond and Jesus were feeling on these occasions? Give more than one answer for each person.
3. Why do you think Desmond and Jesus felt they had to take the actions they did?
4. What qualities or values do you think a person needs to stand up for their beliefs like Desmond and Jesus did?

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