
Jesus Cleansed the Temple

Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48

- 1.) **The market and the money changers were in the outer court of the temple – the “court of the Gentiles” selling the stuff needed to give an offering to God. They were making a profit from the pursuit of God. How is this different than God’s plan for the financial support of the priests in the Old Testament?**

- 2.) **Five days later, in the temple itself, the curtain separating the Holy of Holies from the priests would be ripped from the top to the bottom. The Temple institution would be no more. Jesus was not cleansing the temple for future service, but showing us something bigger about access to God. How does his driving out the marketplace and His reference to Isaiah 56:7 show that there is something more than just Jewish worship on the horizon?**

- 3.) **The chief priests of the Temple were selling access to God at their marketplace. The mindset of the Jewish people, particularly the Pharisees, was that they could earn their salvation. Jesus came to offer Salvation free to all who believe. How is this passage an example of Jesus message that salvation is a free gift rather than a product of works.**

- 4.) **Jesus was removing the obstacles in the temple that blocked access to God. What kinds of things might Jesus overthrow in the church today if he were to arrive in the same manner?**

- 5.) **What kinds of things might Jesus overthrow in our lives that are standing in the way of our worship?**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.