

JESUS' PURGING OF THE TEMPLE  
(Matthew 21:12-17)

- I. He Wielded the AUTHORITY of God (Matt. 21:12)
  - A. Jesus entered the TEMPLE [of GOD]
    1. He had EXAMINED it the PREVIOUS day (Mk. 11:11)
    2. He found it NO BETTER than it had been at the BEGINNING of His MINISTRY (Jn. 2:14-16)
    3. He has RETURNED on a MISSION
  - B. Jesus CLEANSED the temple
    1. He DROVE OUT the MERCHANTS and their CUSTOMERS
    2. He OVERTURNED the tables of the MONEY CHANGERS and the seats of those SELLING DOVES
    3. He PREVENTED the carrying of merchandise THROUGH the temple (Mk. 11:16)
    4. Those who HATED Him were UNABLE to oppose Him
    5. The resultant CHAOS and MESS rendered the temple "CLEAN"
- II. He Emphasized the WORD of God (Matt. 21:13)
  - A. God intended the temple to be "a HOUSE of PRAYER" (Isa. 56:7)

- B. They had rendered it “a ROBBERS’ DEN” (Jer. 7:11)
- III. He Exercised the COMPASSION and POWER of God (Matt. 21:14)
- A. The BLIND and LAME came TO HIM in the temple
  - B. Jesus HEALED those who came
- IV. He Accepted WORSHIP as God (Matt. 21:15-17)
- A. CHILDREN were acknowledging Him as MESSIAH and KING
    - 1. Shouting “HOSANNA”
    - 2. Hailing Him as “the SON of DAVID”
  - B. The chief priests and scribes were INDIGNANT
    - 1. They considered it BLASPHEMY
    - 2. They asked if Jesus even HEARD what they were saying
  - C. Jesus answered, “YES”
  - D. Jesus REBUKED His critics’ IGNORANCE
    - 1. They didn’t KNOW the Scriptures in which they claimed to be EXPERT
    - 2. They refused to RECOGNIZE who JESUS was
- D. Jesus “LEFT THEM,” and spent the night in BETHANY