

WHO IS THIS MAN?

WHEN JESUS CLEANS HOUSE

Mark 11:12-21 Jeff Schreve

And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves. Mark 11:15

What do the events after Palm Sunday teach us about Jesus?

1. Jesus cannot stand hypocritical, fruitless religion.

A. The fig tree represented Israel.

*I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fore-fathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree in its first season. But they came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to shame, And they became as detestable as that which they loved.
Hosea 9:10*

B. Israel chose dead religion over repentance and faith.

"If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." John 11:48

2. Jesus cannot stand His house becoming a den of thieves.

And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN." Mark 11:17

A. The temple was to be a house of prayer and witness.

B. The religious leaders turned it into a house of robbery.

C. It is a terrifying thing to corrupt the things of God.

And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables. John 2:15

3. Jesus works miracles when the house is clean.

And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. Matthew 21:14

A. Healing the blind and the lame authenticated His claim.

Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy. Isaiah 35:4-6

B. Healing the blind and the lame referenced His victory.

Now the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to David, "You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame will turn you away"; thinking, "David cannot enter here." Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is the city of David. David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul, through the water tunnel." Therefore they say, "The blind or the lame shall not come into the house." 2 Samuel 5:6-8

Is your heart clean and free of hypocrisy before the Lord?