

***Cleaning
House***

John 2:12-17

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12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

John 2:12-17 - continued

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Introduction

A. The setting – The first year of Christ's ministry

B. The scene – The Temple in Jerusalem

C. The symptoms of religious sickness

1. Selling animals

2. Selling money

**3. Making religion easy ...
and profitable**

Introduction

Deuteronomy 14:24-25

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:



I. The Temple Was Cleansed

A. By Jesus' presence

Psalm 14:2

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

B. By Jesus' proclamation

Ephesians 5:26

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

C. By Jesus' power

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

II. The Temple Did Not Stay Cleansed

Matthew 21:9-13

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

II. The Temple Did Not Stay Cleansed

Matthew 21:9-13 - continued

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Proverbs 20:6

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

II. The Temple Did Not Stay Cleansed

A. Where was Jesus' presence?

John 8:59

Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

B. Where was Jesus' words?

Mark 7:13

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

II. The Temple Did Not Stay Cleansed

C. Where was Jesus' power?

Hebrews 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

III. What About Your Temple?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

III. What About Your Temple?

A. Is Jesus present?

Psalm 140:3

**Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:
the upright shall dwell in thy presence.**

B. Is His word working in you?

John 15:3

**Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken
unto you.**

III. What About Your Temple?

C. Is His power effective in your life?

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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