

Jesus Reinforces the Purpose of the Temple (Luke 19:45-48)

⁴⁵ Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, ⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."

⁴⁷ And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, ⁴⁸ and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

1. Jesus _____ the Temple for His Use

a. For the _____ Time (John 2:13-17)

Jesus cleansed the temple on His first visit, and also during His last visit.

b. Jesus _____ the Temple

⁴⁵ Then He went into the temple

c. Jesus _____ Out the Sellers and Buyers

and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,

i. **What He did**

ii. **Who He did it to**

iii. **Where He did it**

The blasphemous and desecrating traffic of those who sold and bought in the temple...took place in the outer court of the Gentiles, where the stalls were located for the purchased of sacrificial animals and the tables were placed where foreign coinage might be exchanged for sanctuary shekels.

This lucrative trade was controlled by the high priestly family of Annas. (Unger, 147, Matt 21:12)

From Mark we find that this incident took place on the day following the triumphal entry (Mk. 11:11f., 15). Jesus found traders in the Temple. Some were changing money (only Tyrian coinage was accepted for the Temple offerings, and other coins had to be changed into this currency); others were selling sacrificial animals. They were apparently plying their trade in the court of the Gentiles, the only place in the Temple where a non-Jew could go to pray and to meditate. If the Temple system was to carry on it was necessary that such facilities be provided. But it was not necessary that they should be in the Temple precincts, and it is this to which Jesus took exception. (Morris, 308, 19:45-6)

d. Jesus _____ the Sellers and Buyers

⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

i. *It is written: "It **stands** written"*

- Perfect Tense – **was** written, and **remains** written
- Permanence of the Word of God

ii. *House of prayer (Isaiah 56:7 – access to God)*

iii. *Cave of robbers (Jer 7:11 – self-defined worship)*

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2. Jesus _____ in the Temple

⁴⁷ And He was teaching daily in the temple.

a. **What He did:** He was teaching

b. **When He did it:** "Throughout the day"

c. **Where He did it:** In the temple

3. The Priests and Leaders _____ Jesus

But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, ⁴⁸ and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

a. The spiritual leaders were anti-God

b. The spiritual leaders ignored Jesus' teaching

They were ignoring and defying the very Messiah they claimed to be gathering to honor and worship.

c. The spiritual leaders were seeking to destroy Him

d. The spiritual leaders were being thwarted

e. The people were hanging on to Jesus

Application Points:

1. The Full Point of "House of Prayer" (Is 56:6-7): _____ Impact

Is 56:6-7 "Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants-- Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant-- ⁷ Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; **For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.**"

We are to work to be a _____ to unbelievers.

2. The Full Point of "Den of Thieves" (Jer 7:8-12): _____ Obedience

Jer 7:8-12 "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. ⁹ "Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, ¹⁰ "and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations '? ¹¹ "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*," says the LORD. ¹² "But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

False worship is following forms _____ obedience.

3. The Present Temple

a. Your _____ is the present temple! (1 Cor 6:19-20)

b. Is _____ the rightful authority over His temple?

c. What needs _____?

d. Are you a _____ to God or a _____ between God and others?

4. Your True _____

a. Are you just hiding your sin with external rituals?

b. What needs confessed and forsaken?