

AM MESSAGE: **A SPRING CLEANING**

TEXT: Mark 11:1-19; John 2:13-17

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INTRODUCTION: *Spring, the season for new life and new growth, also the season for a good house cleaning!*

**GETTING THE PICTURE**

1. On Sunday evening, about 1,994 years ago, Jesus came into Jerusalem and \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple court to see what was happening there. (Mark 11:11)
2. On Monday morning, He \_\_\_\_\_ house! (Mark 11:15-18; Mat 21:12-13; John 2:13-16)
3. What did Jesus object to?
  - a. Their use of God's space and God's time for their own \_\_\_\_\_ and profit (Amos 8:4-5; 1 Tim 6:5)
    - 1) *The Temple was a place for connecting to God, not to \_\_\_\_\_!*
    - 2) *They \_\_\_\_\_ on a religious Holiday*
    - 3) *They \_\_\_\_\_ a religious Holiday*
  - b. Their focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ aspects of the Holiday, rather than the spiritual aspects.
    - 1) *They were \_\_\_\_\_ worshipers*



DEFINITION: *"To draw one's attention away from something"*

- 2) *They were \_\_\_\_\_ from the true meaning of the Holiday*


DEFINITION: *"To take away a part from; diminish"*

**So, the Temple was now \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!**

**GETTING THE POINT**

4. Today, the "Temple" is not a place, but a \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. Collectively, we, \_\_\_\_\_, are that Temple! (1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6:14-17)
  - b. Individually, each Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ is a "temple" of the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 6:19-20)
    - 1) *Who is \_\_\_\_\_ us (Eph 3:16)*
    - 2) *Who is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:32; Gal 4:4,6)*
  - c. Being a "temple of the Holy Spirit" means ...
    - 1) *"You are not \_\_\_\_\_"*  
 *The world says: "\_\_\_\_\_ body, \_\_\_\_\_ choice!"*  
 *God says: "No, it's \_\_\_\_\_ body, so \_\_\_\_\_ how you use it! (1 Cor 6:9-18; Ps 24:1; Ezek 18:4; Josh 24:15)*
    - 2) *"You were \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_"* (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 1:18-19)
    - 3) *We must "\_\_\_\_\_ God in your body"* (1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17; Phil 1:20)
5. Back 1,994 years ago, God was not being \_\_\_\_\_ in His Temple, was He? So Jesus' first order of business was to \_\_\_\_\_ what did not belong there.

**GETTING PERSONAL**

6. 1,994 years later, Jesus is here, surveying WOCC. Surveying you and me. What is He seeing? What's going on in here?  
 WWJDO: What Would Jesus D \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_?