

AM MESSAGE: **A SPRING CLEANING!**

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

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 1,996 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.*
 - 2) *They were _____ from the true meaning of the Passover.*

So, the Temple was now _____ for _____!

GETTING THE POINT

4. Today, the “Temple” is not a place, but a _____!
 - a. Collectively, we, the _____, are that Temple! (1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6:14-17)
 - b. Individually, each of our _____ is a “temple” of the Holy Spirit (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 _____” (Ezek 18:4; Ps 24:1)*
 - 2) *“You were _____ with a _____” (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 1:18-19)*
 - 3) *“So, _____ God in your body” (1 Cor 6:9-18; 10:31; Col 3:17; Phil 1:20)*
5. Back 1,996 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. A question as Jesus surveys us today: **WWJDO** (What **W**ould **J**esus **D**_____ **O**_____?) ...?
Col 3:5-11; 2 Cor 7:1; James 1:21; 4:8-10; 1 Pet 2:1-2
 - *Of our hearts and minds?*
 - *Of our mouths?*
 - *Of our actions, deeds, habits?*
 - *Of our relationships?*