



"Jesus Cleans House"

Luke 19:28-44

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever had the experience of being “ripped off”? You had to pay an extremely high price for food, goods or services? What happened? How did it affect you emotionally?

QUICK REVIEW

The early Galilean ministry is long concluded. Jesus and His disciples have finished the trek from Galilee in northern Israel down to Jerusalem in the south. Now Jesus makes entry into Jerusalem. He enters the temple to find the duly authorized vendors of the Sanhedrin charging exorbitant fees for the materials needed for sacrifices. Jesus was filled with righteous indignation and he “cleansed the temple” of their presence. But most of this passage focuses on the aftermath. They question his authority to do so.

Read Luke 19:45-20:8

How Jesus asserts authority:

1. Jesus _____
(Luke 19:46, 47; 20:1).
2. Jesus _____
(Luke 20:1-8).
3. Jesus _____
(I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:18-20).

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why does Jesus drive the merchants out of the temple? What reason does he give? Does this have any implication for those who buy and sell products related to Christian faith? Or how Christians engage in business generally?
2. In Luke 19, we see Jesus riding humbly in Jerusalem, gently on a colt, the foal of the donkey. Then we see Jesus weep over Jerusalem. Now we see angry Jesus cleansing the temple. Is it ok for Christians to be angry? Should they be angry? Reflect on Ephesians 4:26-27 & 31-32 as you answer.
3. Jesus asserts authority through the instruction of God's Word. Read II Timothy 3:16-4:5. Do you find yourself welcoming "teaching" (instruction that clarifies the meaning of Scripture) but chaffing at "preaching" (instruction that calls for obedience to Scripture)? How can you cultivate a desire that God's Word be preached with authority into your life?
4. Jesus reveals hypocrisy. He has done so over and over again with Israel's spiritual leadership. How has he done so in ways you've seen in your life or in the lives around you?
5. Jesus cleanses temples. Read I Corinthians 6:18-20. This passage deals with sexual purity. What forms of sexual immorality do people need to guard against in obedience to Jesus? What are some other ways the temple of the human body might be defiled?