

CLEANING HOUSE
MARK 11:15-19 / JANUARY 25, 2017 WED

I. WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE TEMPLE?

- A. Solomon tells us why he wanted to build the first Temple--1 Kings 5:5a; 1 Kings 6:12-13.
- B. The Temple in Jesus' day was considered the "Third Temple".
- C. The Temple was built on the top of Mount Zion and comprised 35 acres. It was divided into four courtyards.
 - 1. The first or outermost courtyard was for Gentiles.
 - 2. The second was the courtyard for women.
 - 3. The third was the courtyard for Israelites, meaning men.
 - 4. The fourth courtyard was for the priests.
 - 5. The courtyard comprised 6 acres and is the place our stor.

II. JESUS' CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE WAS ACTUALLY IT'S CONDEMNATION.

- A. How many times did Jesus do this?
- B. Who is right?
- C. What did Jesus do and why?--Mark 11:5-16.
 - 1. The greedy Jewish religious leaders had turned the Gentile courtyard into a market place.
 - 2. Money changers exchanged foreign currency into a special coin minted by the Temple.
 - 3. If people brought their own animal for sacrifice they were often rejected.
 - 4. This courtyard had become a "shortcut" through the Temple area.
- D. This evil commerce prompted Jesus to say two things--11:17.

III. DOES THIS CLEANSING HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO US?

- A. What does it say to us as a church?
- B. What does it say to us as a Christian?--1 Cor. 3:16 and 2 Cor. 6:16.