SERMON NOTES: November 8, 2026

The King's House

Matthew 21:12-17

I. The Abuse of His House - 21:12-14

II. The Opposition of His Worship - 21:15-16

III. The Rebuke of His Departure - 21:17

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den."

Mt. 21:12-13

and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself'?" And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Mt. 21:16-17

Life Group Study Questions

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Matthew 21:12-17

1. Have you ever seen someone get upset over the misuse of their things? What happened and how did it end?

2. What did Jesus see going on in the temple that compelled Him to cleanse the temple? If it was your house, how would you have reacted?

3. The words "overturned" and "drove out" are helpful in understanding what Jesus was doing. What does the flipping of tables and driving out of merchants represent?

4. How is the scene in the temple symbolic of our own broken approach to worship of God?

5. Not one person in the temple opposes Jesus. What does this tell you about Him? Do you oppose Him when He cleans up your worship?

6. What happens immediately after Jesus cleanses the temple? What is the significance of the poor and sick being healed by Jesus without charge? How does this elevate the priority of right worship?

7. The priest and scribes witness everything Jesus does and yet they only become indignant. Why won't they believe in Jesus and worship Him? What does He threaten?

8. Jesus one-word answer ("yes") is telling. Jesus says in a sense, I am fully aware of who I am . . . are you? Jesus goes on to rebuke them with scripture and exposes their false worship. How is this moment revealing of what Jesus intended by cleansing the temple?

9. The fact that Jesus "left them" is a somber statement. What, besides His going to Bethany, does this underscore. Jesus? Why does Jesus not remain and demand their worship?