

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"The House Of Prayer"**  
**Luke 19:45-48**  
**Study-80**

**Our Passage States that "Jesus literally cleans house!" Luke 19:45**

In Jesus' ministry there were **2 Cleansings of the Temple:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Cleansing** recorded by John is at the beginning of Jesus' ministry:  
**John 2:13-22** Jesus calls the temple ("**My Father's House**") Inditement -  
"**House of merchandise**"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cleansing** The last week of Jesus ministry: **Matthew 21:12-17;**  
**Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48** (3 short years it was in disorder again!) Jesus  
calls the temple ("**My House**") Inditement - "**Den of Robbers**"

Luke began his gospel with a scene in the temple **Luke 1:9**, now nearing the end  
Jesus must cleanse the temple.

**19:28-24:53 The Crucifixion And Resurrection Of The Son Of Man:**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Heart Is Our Meeting Place With God And  
Needs To Be Free Of Clutter In Order To Commune With Him"

- 1. Verses 45-46 Cleansing Of The Temple:**
- 2. Verses 47-48 Teaching At The Temple:**

**1. Verses 45-46 Cleansing Of The Temple:**

**Luke 19:45 Jesus entered the temple Context** – Jesus' road into  
Jerusalem in His Triumphal Entry, **Mark 11:11; Matthew 21:17** and came  
into the city early the next morning (Monday) and cleansed the temple.

**Jesus entered the temple** this had been prophesied that Jesus would  
show up, and it would be sudden. **Malachi 3:1**

**Temple** – The temple was divided into five different courts.

**Pictures of Temple Courts:**

- 1. The Court of the Gentiles** – This was the outer court that the gentile  
converts could come to.
- 2. The Court of the Women** – This is where the women could come to  
worship.

**3. The Court of Israel** – where the men of Israel only would come to worship.

**4. The Court of the Priests** – where the priests alone could enter.

**5. The Inner Court Sanctuary Holy of Holies** – High Priest only.

**and began to drive out** literally "*throw out, expel*" (1<sup>st</sup> time in **John 2:13-22 with a whip!**) **Mark 11:15**

**those who were selling**, this was in the court of the Gentiles, there were booths named "*The Booths of Annas;*" *High Priest received a cut.*  
**Mark 11:15**

**Matthew 21:12** The **money changers** - **Once a year every Jewish male was required to go to the temple and pay a half-shekel temple tax. (Exodus 30:11-14)**

**Worshippers were to offer an unblemished animal. (Leviticus 1:3)**  
The animal had to be approved by the priest. *There were records that have been discovered that revealed that as many as 3000 animals were for sale*

**What did Jesus see?**

- 1. Commercialism – (Money maker)**
- 2. Corruption – (Money with no heart)**
- 3. Hypocrisy – (Out-word no in-word)**
- 4. Pride – (They knew Jesus was right)**

**It is only logical that the condition of the worship had to be traced back to the condition of the heart; Being spiritually dead.**

**Note there was no resistance to the show of anger as to what Jesus did!** The reason: The people knew what they were doing was wrong!

**The real Jesus hates sin, hates hypocrisy, who hates the ripping off of the poor.**

**Luke 19:46** saying to them, "**It is written**, notice that Jesus returns to the Scriptures for the basis for His **actions** and **His attitude**.

Notice it was '**AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER, No human being can say this! Either in the day of Jesus (The Temple), or in our own day in (The Church).**

**My house (Jesus is the Messiah/Deity)** literally – "*My house will be a house of prayer for Gentiles*" **1 Kings 8:41-43** Context is the dedication of the Temple

**House of Prayer Was For Evangelization: 1 Kings 8:41-43  
Isaiah 56:6-7**

**We Must Never Forget In Our Day The Church Belongs To Jesus:  
Acts 20:28**

Jesus at 12 years of age **Luke 2:49 I had to be in My Father's house?"**

**A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' Jesus wanted us praying to God but instead they were preying on others.**

**Mark 11:16 and He would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.** Short cut. Instead of walking around the temple they took a short cut.

**But you have made it a robbers' den." (Jeremiah 7:11)** Jeremiah is warning the people that were wicked and were trusting in the temple and being that being a Jew would save them! (False) Church goes!

**Jeremiah 7:2-4, 9-11**

**Den of robbers** - *was a cave or hideout where those who robbed could go and hide.*

**Why did Jesus cleanse the temple, to remind us that our heart's belong to Him.** That is the place that Jesus wants to dwell. That the house of God is to be pure to.

**What Does The Temple Mean To Us Today?** The true temple is our hearts and bodies. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16**

**What about us? what condition do we come in when we come to worship?** do we think about material things. Is the temple of our heart free from business?

**We need to beware that we don't repeat the same sin as the religious. To think of ceremony and not reality.**

## **2. Verses 47-48 Teaching At The Temple:**

**Luke 19:47 True Worship is Expressed Thru Instruction: And He was teaching daily in the temple; Luke 20-21 Jesus teaching in the temple**

**Matthew 21:14-15**

**but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,**

**Religious were trying but could not touch Jesus because the Father's hand was upon Him. Mark 11:18**

**Luke 19:48 and they could not find anything that they might do,** when confronted with the truth of the Word it leaves us without rational excuse.

**John 6:68; 7:46**

**for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.** They were hanging on or very attentive to hang on the message. **Mark 11:18**

**Application:**

1. True Worship Is Made Possible When There Is An Exposure Of The Sinful: We Need To Ask God To Expose Anything That Is Defiling Our Hearts.
2. True Worship Is The Expulsion Of The Secular: God's Word Is The Standard, Not Feelings, Nor The Opinions Of The Majority.
3. True Worship Is Care For The Hurting: Worship Is Not Self-Focused.
4. True Worship Is Experienced Through The Instruction Of The Word: His Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet And A Light Unto My Path.