



## Jesus Cleanses The Temple

### **Luke 19: 45-48 (NKJV)**

<sup>45</sup> When Jesus entered the temple courts, He began to drive out those who were selling. <sup>46</sup> “It is written,” He said to them, “My house will be a house of prayer”; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’” <sup>47</sup> Every day He was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. <sup>48</sup> Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

The Temple is said to be the center of Jewish life. It was a place of history, religion, and hope. Jesus went in the Temple on Palm Sunday and looked around. (Mark 11:11) According to Luke 19:45-48, on Monday, Jesus went back to the Temple and cleansed it by driving out those who bought and sold in it. Jesus said to them, “It is written, My house is a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.” (Luke 19:46)

The Temple had become a place of profit instead of a place of prayer.

### **Life Applications:**

- † Today is a good day for Christians to examine their lives (temple) for ungodly practices and eliminate them from their lives (temple). (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- † Today is a good day for Christians to examine their prayer life and make prayer a priority in their lives. (Luke 18:1)
- † Today is a good day for anyone who has not trusted Jesus to be their Savior to ask Him to save them. (Romans 10:9,13)

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Jesus cleared the temple so it could again become a house of prayer. What areas of our lives might God be calling us to cleanse as we walk by faith?
2. How does faith help us remove distractions that keep us from truly worshiping God?
3. What spiritual habits (prayer, study, service) help keep your “temple” focused on God?

# Passion Week Timeline

## Day 1: The Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) | *Matthew 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-44; John 12: 12-19*

On the first day of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zech. 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with “Hosanna” and the words of Psalm 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming of the King of Israel.

## Day 2: Jesus Clears the Temple (Monday) | *Matthew 21: 12-17; Mark 11: 15-18; Luke 19: 45-48*

On this day, Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for “pagan” money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

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## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

### Understand ... You Need To Be Saved

- † Because you have sinned. “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
- † Because your sin has a penalty. “The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)
- † Because you cannot save yourself. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done.” (Titus 3:5)

### Understand ... You Can Be Saved

- † Because God loves you. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16 )
- † Because Jesus died for you. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)
- † Because God raised Jesus from the dead. “God...raised up Jesus...so He could grant repentance...and bestow forgiveness and release us from sins.” (Acts 5:30-31 )

### Understand ... There Is Something For You To Do To Be Saved

- † You must repent (turn from sin). “Repent...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” (Acts 3:19)
- † You must put your faith in Jesus (only). “For by grace are you

saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

- † You must surrender to Jesus as your Lord (boss). “If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

1. Do you believe you need to be saved? Yes No
2. Do you believe you can be saved? Yes No
3. Do you believe God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes No

If you are ready to be saved, then you are ready to pray. The Bible says, “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Dear Lord Jesus:

*I know I am a sinner and right now I ask you to forgive me. I know you died for my sins, and right now I invite you into my heart to be my Savior and Lord. I willingly turn from my sin and give my life to you. Thank you for saving me. Amen.*

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