

The Temple Cleansed: Authority over God's House

Mathew 21:12-16

(Mk 11:15-19; Lk 19:45-46; see Jn.2:13-16)

<p>1. The temple (church) <i>is to be a place where people are not exploited</i></p>	<p>12 Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.</p>
<p>2. The temple (church) <i>is to be a house of prayer</i></p>	<p>13 "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"</p>
<p>3. The temple (church) <i>is to be a place for ministry</i></p>	<p>14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.</p>
<p>4. The temple (church) <i>is to be a place where wonderful things are done</i></p>	<p>15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.</p>
<p>5. The temple (church) <i>is to be a place where Christ is praised</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Children praised Himb. Some objectedc. Christ commanded the children's praise	<p>16 "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"</p>