



Healings In The Temple

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"And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? 11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. 12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? 17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there" (Matthew 21:10-17).

- 1) The next stop in Jesus' ministry was Jerusalem. He was already aware of the hatred and jealousy of the religious leaders, but that did not cause him to secretly sneak into the town. Rather, he entered in such a high profile way that raised His visibility and attracted the attention of many making "all the city ... moved, saying, Who is this?" (vs 10). Christians should learn a lesson here about raising their profile for the right reason - of making their presence felt in order to maximise opportunities for preaching the Gospel. False humility is pride!
- 2) "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee" (vs 11). This answer from the multitude indicate that not everyone was a novice about Jesus. Perhaps some were too pre-occupied in other endeavours to recognise Him. If Jesus were to show up today, would you recognise Him?
- 3) "And Jesus went into the temple of God..." (vs 12). His visit to Jerusalem was not for tourism but to be about His Father's business, and he wasted no time in going directly into the "temple of God".
- 4) Obviously what He saw in the temple was

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shocking. What was supposed to be "a house of prayer" had been desecrated and turned into a "den of thieves". If Jesus were to visit the temple of your body (I Corinthians 6:19; John 14:23; Revelation 3:20) today, will He find it a divine resident or a den sin, demons and thieves?

- 5) He could have ignored the state of the temple and went on to preach, teach and heal, but he knew much better—that seed sown among thorns will not grow to full maturity and fruitfulness (Jeremiah 4:3), so He first cleansed the temple before ministering. This is a salient message for all. The starting point for miracles in your life is inner cleansing before marathon prayers.
- 6) Those who needed healing (blind and lame) came to Him and He healed them. Let us take a step of faith by taking our problems to Jesus. Had they not come to Jesus or got offended at his cleansing of the temple, they would have missed their opportunity for miracles.
- 7) In response to what they saw children were praising God, crying "Hosanna to the Son of David" while the chief priests and scribes "were sore displeased". The very things that pleased the righteous displeased the hypocrites. Does what pleases God please you or cause you displeasures?
- 8) They wanted Jesus to stop the children from praising God, but Jesus reminded them of scriptures they should have known.
- 9) "And He left them..." (vs 17). What a lesson. The secret to success is to minister where you are celebrated rather than where you are merely tolerated.