

**Sermon Outline**  
“The Defiled House”  
Matthew 21:10-17

**I.** Structure of the passage

Chapters 19-25 = The 5<sup>th</sup> Narrative/Discourse Pair  
Chapters 19-23 Moving toward the Passion in Jerusalem  
Chapters 24-25 Instructing his followers

Chapter 21:1-22 First days in Jerusalem

Royal Entrance of the “Son of David” vv. 1-9

Visitation upon the temple vv. 10-17

Sign of the fig tree vv. 18-22

**II.** Effect on the city

All Jerusalem is shaken) v. 10 (*cf.* 27:5; 28:4)

The prophet from Nazareth v. 11 (*cf.* 2:23; John 1:46)

**III.** The incident in the temple

**A.** Activities in the temple court (Court of the Gentiles)

Selling sacrificial animals (*see* Dt 14:22-26)

Exchanging money for Tyrian shekels (*cf.* 17:22-26)

Legitimate activities, but in the Temple?

**B.** Jesus’ response

He “casts them out”

Mt 7:22; 8:16; 9:33-34; 10:1, 8; 12:24

Hos 9:15

When challenged he combines two prophetic passages

Is 56:7 – a welcome to all who come to the Covenant

Jer 7:11 – admonition not to oppress the weak

“Do not despise my little ones.” 18:10-11

“The first shall be last, the last first” 19:30; 20:16

The temple is judged! *See* 24:1-2; 26:61; 17:40

**C.** Jesus heals the blind and the lame

When the leaders object, he quotes Ps 8:2

The children vindicate the work of God! (recalling 18:1-5)