

**“The True King Enters His Court”**  
**Matthew 21:12-16**

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An abundance of authenticating signs attest to the true identity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1. Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

vv. 12-13

**(1) The Corruption that was commonplace**

*“Then Jesus went into the temple and  
drove out all those who bought and sold...”*

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**(2) Jesus’ Action**

- The second time recorded in the gospels cf. Jn
- Jesus is angry – and properly so!

**(3) Jesus’ Charge**

*“It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’  
but you have made it a den of thieves!”*

- Is. 56:7
- “a house of prayer” = a place of worship
- “a den of thieves” = a center of corruption

**2. Jesus Heals the Blind and Lame**

v. 14

**(1) He drives out the “profiteers”  
and welcomes to Himself the afflicted.**

*“Then the blind and lame came into the temple,  
and He healed them.”*

**(2) The True High Priest heals a fallen and maimed humanity!**

**3. Jesus Receives the Praise of His Covenant Children**

vv. 15-16

**(1) The children are praising Jesus!**

*“crying out in the temple...  
‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’”*

**(2) The Chief Priests and Scribes indignant!**

*“they were indignant and said to Him,  
‘Do you hear what these are saying?’”*

**(3) The Rebuke of the King**

**-1- The children’s praise reminded Jesus of Psalm 8**

**-2- He indicates that the appropriateness of  
the children’s praise should be quite obvious!**

*“Yes. Have you never read,  
‘Out of the mouth of babes  
and nursing infants  
You have perfected praise’?”*

- God esteems the voices of children among  
the most excellent things of His creation!

- This chorus of praise is superior to that “chorus” of sun, moon, and stars!

- Jesus says to His enemies, “Would you *dare* silence this chorus?”

**Further Application**