## GOSPEL OF MARK <u>A Zeal For God's House</u> Mark 11:15-19

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١.	Jesus Christ is the of the temple and the worship it embodies.
	a. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and is zealous for the of God.
	"Christ had only this object in view, to show by one visible token, that God had committed tothe office of purifying the temple." - John Calvin
	b. Jesus had justification for all of His actions in clearing the temple court.
	c. Jesus pronounced God's judgment on
	"Just as the leaves of the tree concealed the fact that there was no fruit to enjoy, so the magnificence of the Temple and its ceremony conceals the fact that Israel has not brought forth the of righteousness demanded by God. Both incidents have the character of a prophetic sign which warns of judgment to fall upon Israel for honoring God with their lips when their heart was far from Him." - William Lane

2.	Principles of public
	that Jesus identified.
	Jesus taught that when His people gather for worship, the worship should be and not overshadowed by competing interests.
	b. Jesus taught that people of all are to be encouraged and expected to worship the one true God.
	Jesus' actions in the     call attention to Zechariah 14.
	Jesus' words about mountains being removed in conjunction with His teaching on the tree also call attention to Zechariah 14.
	"By purging the Temple forecourt Jesus bore witness to the conditions of 'that day' when God would gather the righteous to His Temple to worship Him. (cf. Zech. 14:16)" - William Lane
	c. Jesus taught that merely the place of worship is not sufficient; He calls for a worship in spirit and in truth.