



More Than Spring Cleaning

John 2:13-22

Third Sunday of Lent

INTRODUCTION: *Do you know where the practice of “spring cleaning” came from?*

- I. JESUS ‘CLEANED OUT’ THE TEMPLE WHICH HAD BECOME A MARKETPLACE
 - A. It was cluttered with money changers & the temple tax
 - B. It was cluttered with animals for sacrifice
 - C. It was cluttered with the false teaching that your efforts made you right with God

- II. JESUS REPLACED THE TEMPLE WITH HIMSELF AS THE WAY TO GOD
 - A. The way to God was not through money & animal sacrifice
 - B. The way to God was through Jesus’ cross
 - C. The way to God was open for Jew & Gentile (That’s you & me!)

- III. JESUS DID SO MUCH MORE THAN ‘SPRING HOUSE CLEANING’!
 - A. He opens God’s House (the kingdom of God) to all people...no one is excluded
 - B. His shed blood on the cross cleans away (forgives) the sin of the world
 - C. His resurrection gives victory over sin, death & devil & opens the door to God’s House in heaven (John 14:1-3)

CONCLUSION: *Ready for your own ‘spring cleaning’..?.*