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**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 and 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’...?*