

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: John – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: John 2:13-25 – Jesus cleanses the temple in Jerusalem for God’s glory!**

Today’s Message:

**“Cleaning House”**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned of the first public miracle of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John. Like Moses’ first public miracle in Exodus, the water was turned to blood – or a type of the blood in the New Testament! Today, we will follow Jesus into the **TEMPLE** at Jerusalem. He will not like what He finds there. And He will choose to do something about it! Amen. What Jesus did next is surprising to many people, but it is not for those who know Him and love Him. Jesus will cleanse the temple of all the **SIN** against God. He will demonstrate a great zeal for God’s glory. We will be challenged to consider our own lives today. And we will need to consider if our zeal for God is what it **SHOULD** be. This is God’s message to you...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text John 2:13-25

#### #1. The Discovery – Jesus Christ **FOUND** big problems in God’s temple.

THE **JEW’S PASSOVER** WAS AT HAND, AND JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM

✓ It is interesting to note that the word of God does not say the **LORD’S** passover.

- **Ex 12:27, 11** – “That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of **the LORD’S** passover...”
- **Num 28:16** – “And in the fourteenth day... is **the passover of the LORD.**”
- **2Kings 23:21-25** – “...Surely there was not holden such a passover...”

**Important Note**  
Josiah’s **PASSOVER**  
was different.

AND **FOUND** IN THE TEMPLE

✓ Jesus found the religious people making **MONEY** off of God *in His Father’s house!*

- **Deut 14:23-26** – “...Then shalt thou **TURN IT INTO MONEY...** bestow that money...”
- **Isa 56:1-8** – “Even them will I bring... and **MAKE THEM JOYFUL** in **MY** house of prayer...”
- **Jer 7:11** – “Is this house, which is called by my name, become a **DEN OF ROBBERS...**”
- **Mt 21:13** – “And said unto them, It is written, **MY HOUSE** shall be called a **HOUSE OF PRAYER**; but ye have made it a **DEN OF THIEVES.**”
- **1 Tim 6:5** – “Perverse... men of **CORRUPT MINDS...** supposing that gain is godliness...”
- **2 Pet 2:3, 14, 15** – “... shall they **WITH FEIGNED WORDS** make merchandise of you...”

**Amos 7:13**  
But prophesy not  
again any more at  
**Bethel**: for it is the  
king’s chapel, and it is  
the king’s court.

“Bethel” means house  
of God. **Gen 31:13**

### Important Note

It is in the sinful nature of man to corrupt that which God has made beautiful and holy. Consider the billions of people in false religion today. Consider your life since God made you a new creature.

WHEN HE HAD MADE **A SCOURGE OF SMALL CORDS, HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT**

**Important Note**  
Jesus Christ did not sin – **not even once**. We see in Him in this passage a true zeal that is acceptable to God and for His glory!

- ✓ The people saw in Jesus Christ a great and holy **ZEAL** for God’s glory and temple.
  - **Neh 13:1-9** – “And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff...”
  - **Acts 19:24-27** – “...this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people...”
- ✓ A word about righteous **ANGER** ...
  - **Eph 4:26** – “Be ye **ANGRY**, and **SIN NOT**: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.”
  - **James 1:20** – “For **THE WRATH OF MAN** worketh not the righteousness of God.”

**#2. The Response – the disciples saw something very DIFFERENT than others.**

AND HIS DISCIPLES **REMEMBERED**... THE JEWS... **WHAT SIGN** SHEWEST THOU

**Psalm 69:8**  
I am become **a stranger** unto my brethren, and **an alien** unto my mothers’ children.

- ✓ The religious leaders must have known that Jesus Christ had done **RIGHT!**
  - The disciples **remembered** the Bible! **Ps 69:9** – “For the zeal of thine house...”
  - The Jews asked for MORE PROOF! “...seeing that thou doest **THESE THINGS?**”

**DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP**

**Important Note**  
According to **1 Cor 1:22**, the Jews **REQUIRE** a sign.

- ✓ Jesus Christ gave the Jews that **required** a **SIGN** something to think about!
  - In **Mt 12:38-40**, Jesus told scribes and Pharisees seeking a sign – **JONAH** is your sign.
  - In **Mt 16:1-4**, Jesus told Pharisees and Sadducees tempting him – **JONAH** is your sign.
  - In **Jn 2:19**, Jesus said, “Destroy **THIS TEMPLE**, and **in THREE DAYS I will raise it up**.”

BUT HE SPAKE OF **THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY**

... just like He did to Jonah!!

**Important Note**  
When His words came true, the disciples **believed the Scripture** and the words of Jesus!

- ✓ This must have been a **MEMORABLE** event as His words were remembered by many!
  - In **Mt 26:61**, the **FALSE WITNESSES** **tried** to use these words against Him.
  - In **Mt 27:40**, the **JEWS AT THE CROSS** **mocked Him** with these words.... “Save thyself.”
  - In **Jn 2:22**, the **DISCIPLES** **remembered** these words after the resurrection. Amen!

**#3. The Lesson – Jesus Christ is also very zealous about cleaning up YOUR life.**

FOR **HE KNEW** WHAT WAS **IN MAN**

**Jeremiah 7:11**  
Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? **Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.**

- ✓ The temple was to be a place of worship and prayer according to *the word of God*.
  - Jesus Christ has come to inspect His temple today – your **BODY**. **1 Cor 6:19-20**
    - What did He find? He surely must be giving you a list right now in your mind.
    - Does He need to make a scourge, pour out your wallet, or overthrow your tables?

**God knows your heart and your thoughts. He knows your sin also.**  
*It is time for you to agree with God about your life and the sin that He has found. Will you be zealous for His glory and repent? Will you make necessary changes?*