



Series - That You May Believe: A Study In John

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Message - Jesus Clears The Temple

Sermon Big Picture - Jesus enters the temple, and finds it has been turned into a place of extortion instead of a place of worship. Jesus drives out those who would take advantage of those who came to worship, and in doing so, reveals what the temple really pointed to.

Scripture: John 2:13-25

Examination

1. In John's gospel, we see frequently the theme that Jesus came to establish the "new", or the substance of what the Old Testament foreshadowed. What are some things we have seen so far in John where those OT shadows find their substance in Jesus?
2. How were the money-changers and merchants at the temple complex extorting the worshippers for profit? How do we see this same thing in "prosperity gospel" today?
3. Two purposes of the temple were that it was a meeting place with God, and to be a place of sacrifice to atone for sin. How do we see this find its fulfillment in Jesus?
4. Now in Christ, we are the temple of God (1Pet 2:5, 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, Eph 2:21). What does this tell us about who we are as the Church and our mission in the world?
5. The Jewish leaders questioned Jesus' authority to cleanse the temple, how do people do the same kind of thing today as the word of God prescribes what God desires of our worship?
6. The Temple was a massive, beautiful complex. It took 46 years to build. Yet, its days were numbered, and its purpose would be completed. How was this a sign of God's judgment, but also the fulfillment of His redemptive plan?
7. Jesus says His body is the fulfillment of the temple, how would that temple be destroyed and raised in three days?

Application

1. What are the implications for our lives that now in Christ, we are the temple of God?
2. How does this fulfillment of the temple in Jesus effect our understanding of the Church?

Personal Discipline

What does God call His Church to do and to be? Prayerfully pursue Christ, His righteousness, and to live for His glory. Seek to live out of that gospel reality of who you are in Christ, and rejoice in the great work He is doing in His Church!