

# Bill & Kipp's Excellent Bible Adventure

John - **Episode 10** - John 2: 13-25 - *Temple Disturbance*

- I. Taking advantage the poor - Jesus became frustrated to see the religious system victimize the poor, and took pretty extreme measures to address it.
  - A. Where do you see the poor mistreated in our culture?
  - B. What systems exist that make it impossible for the poor to ever thrive?
  - C. How should followers of Jesus attempt to address systemic issues in our society?
  
- II. Signs - When asked by what sign (symbol of authority) he caused such chaos, Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Around 1,000 B.C. the first temple was built by Solomon, but destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 B.C. Zerubbabel (a Babylonian governor) allowed the temple to be rebuilt between 550 B.C. and 515 B.C. Around 20 B.C. Herod refurbished and expanded the temple and temple mount. Ultimately, in 66 A.D. Roman empire destroyed the temple
  - A. Considering it took forty-six years to upgrade the temple, does their response to Jesus seem reasonable?
  - B. How would you respond if someone came into your church and raised a scene like Jesus?
  - C. Matthew records a similar exchange regarding three days in Matthew 12: 38: "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.' 39 But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.'"
    1. How is Jesus time in the tomb similar to Jonah's time in the fish?
    2. How do you interpret Jesus' words, "A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign?"
  - D. The last paragraph of John's Gospel records, "30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1. Looking back on your life, what signs did God perform that demonstrates his power and guidance in your life?
2. How have you maintained your faith in periods of life where there was no “sign?”