

Journey Through John

John 2:13-22

Matthew 19:13-15

¹³ One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." ¹⁵ And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

John 2:13

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 2:14

¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

RELIGION MAKES IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO GET INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WE'LL EITHER BE A BRIDGE OR A BARRIER TO PEOPLES' SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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John 2:16-17

¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

John 2:17 NKJV

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

JESUS WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE WALKING INTO HIS FATHER'S PRESENCE

John 2:18-22

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

JESUS' RESURRECTION WAS THE ULTIMATE BRIDGE INTO THE FATHER'S PRESENCE

Matthew 21:12-13

¹² Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. ¹³ He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

Matthew 21:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David."

JESUS WANTS TO HELP HURTING PEOPLE RIGHT NOW