

EASTER

Jesus Clears The Temple John 2:13-22

1. Jesus cleared the temple because it had turned into a marketplace that was robbing the people of the opportunity to worship God. As a result, no worship, no reverence, no praise, and no prayers. Where is your worship centered? Based on your day-to-day activities, what are you worshipping? In other words, where do you turn for satisfaction? What are those things that clutter or detract from worship? What consumes your thoughts? When you worship in corporate worship on Sunday, is your focus centered on celebrating God? Do you have an attitude of worship in all that you do?
Psalm 69:9; Exodus 20:2-4
2. When Jesus refers to His own body as the temple, we are reminded of the new covenant that is confirmed with His blood. It is no longer necessary to sacrifice lambs at the physical temple. We now trust in Christ and what He has done to pay the penalty for our sins. Have you come to the cross? Have you confessed your sin and looked to Jesus as the Lamb of God that is slain for you? Are you forgiven and reconciled to God because you trust in what Christ has done?
Romans 3:23-25
3. In our text today, we see both skeptics and believers concerning the resurrection of Christ. "When He was raised from the dead, the disciples remembered and believed..." While the religious leaders were skeptical. Their skepticism was based on their ignorance of God's Word, anger towards God, and a hard heart that did not want to listen to God. As you evaluate, do you believe that Jesus Christ died and was resurrected again to life? Has His resurrection changed your life? Does pride stop you from believing and surrendering?
Matthew 27:55-28:7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Matthew 28:8-10; John 20:11-18; Luke 24:13-35; Mark 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:7; Acts 4:33; James 1:1 (read the book of James)