



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: *Starting Points*

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Series: "The Gospel of John: Starting Points" - Part 5 of 5

Message: "A Clean Slate"

Text: John 2:12-25

Passover

- Celebrating death angel "passing over" the houses of the Israelites in Egypt
- Jesus' family went to Jerusalem for Passover every year
- John mentions all three Passover celebrations during the ministry of Jesus (1:13, 6:4, 12:1)
- By Jewish law every male within 15 miles of Jerusalem was required to come to the city for Passover
- During Passover, Jerusalem a city of 200,000, swelled to 2 mil

3 things we learn from Jesus' anger

1. There are times when it is _____ to be angry.
2. Just because something is _____ by society does not mean it is _____ to God.
3. It is more important to be _____ correct than _____ correct.

2 things angered Jesus

1. _____ price for the animals
2. _____ exchange rates

2 reactions to Jesus cleansing the temple

1. Disciples quote from Psalm 69:9 about having a heart for God's house
2. Religious leaders challenged the authority of Jesus to cleanse the temple

Having a clean slate

1. Where is the temple of God today?
2. What does God need to drive out of my life?
3. Why do I resist God when He seeks to cleanse the temple of my life?

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize John 2:22.
- ☐ Gain a better understanding of the Passover story.
- ☐ What is your biggest takeaway regarding Jesus' action in the temple?
- ☐ How do you distinguish between anger and not sinning in your anger?
- ☐ Reflect on the questions about connecting this passage to your life.
- ☐ Read John 3:1-15 in preparation for next week's sermon.
- ☐ Commit your life to God today!

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into believers and believers into
fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**